NORTH DISTRICT CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FCCJ North Campus – 4501 Capper Road February 11, 2004

Meeting Summary

Agenda Item 1. Call to Order and Verification of Quorum

Chair Robert Lee called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. There was verification of a quorum.

Agenda Item 2. Presentations – Mohammed Majboor, P.E., DOT Topic: I-95 Reconstruction from Lem Turner Road to Heckscher Drive

Rex Holmlin, The Better Jacksonville Plan Topic: Highland Branch Library renovations

Agenda Item 3. Summary of Previous Meeting for Approval

A motion was made to approve the meeting summary from the previous meeting (January 14, 2004). After being seconded, the motion passed and the meeting summary was approved.

Agenda Item 4. Old Business

Chair Lee provided information regarding cement planters on Heckscher Drive. He talked to Dr. McIntosh regarding regional superintendents attending CPAC meetings. Dr. McIntosh committed to attending more often than quarterly. Information was provided regarding upcoming citywide clean-ups.

Agenda Item 5. Chair's Report

The question was raised about when CPACs should take off. After a brief discussion, the topic of bus tours came up. A motion was made to have a bus tour in lieu of a meeting. The motion was seconded then tabled. A discussion regarding taking a month off resumed. A motion was made to discontinue taking a month off. The motion was seconded and passed without opposition. The motion to have a bus tour was put back on the floor. The motion was seconded and passed with no opposition.

The Convention & Visitors Bureau has requested to address the CPACs. Members were polled regarding a presentation. A motion was made to have a presentation. After the motion was not seconded, it failed.

Agenda Item 6. Subcommittee Reports

Governmental Affairs report was given by Richard Berry

- 2004-1 & 2 CPAC recommended approval
- 2004-13 & 14 CPAC recommended deferral

2004-49 CPAC recommended approval
Exception 04-06 CPAC recommended approval (9 in favor, 4 opposed)

Education – no report

Children's Commission – Dot Mathias reported that she talked to Matt Thompson and Pam Paul. Grant applications went out late this year due to transition. Each CPAC receives \$25,000. The focus is on children and youth. Dot reviewed the application. The deadline for applying is March 8, 2003. Applications should be sent to Matt Thompson. After eligibility is determined, the application goes to the CPAC for consideration.

Beautification – Jack Stuart reported that all trees have been replaced on Heckscher Drive. It's difficult to keep crape myrtles along Main Street. Motorists keep driving through them. Members were encouraged to participate in Clean It Up Green It Up projects.

Membership – Harry Wagner reported that the subcommittee met on February 5, 2004. He reminded members to sign in to avoid being marked absent at meetings. Alternate members cannot vote whenever primary members are present. At least 12 primary members have not attended a meeting in six months. A number of North District neighborhood organizations are not CPAC members.

Transportation subcommittee chair, Richard Berry provided handouts of FDOT's project list for 2004. The listing contained information regarding construction jobs in the North Planning District.

Mayor's Representative – Randy White provided information regarding Fire Station #35. Expect a groundbreaking ceremony in June for a station located at Catherine and Main Streets.

Councilman Warren Alvarez – provided an update on various projects in his district. Garden City Park opened last week. Work is being done on the Sheffield Park master plan.

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Officer Pavelka provided statistics. They're working on problems at construction sites. Burglaries to residences dropped in the last 30 days.

Building Inspection Division – no report.

Property Safety Division – announced that his division has a new chief. Call with concerns. Overgrown lots are not a problem due to the weather.

Duval County School Board – Vicky Drake reported that a recent boundary meeting went well. She provided bus bid process information. A new bus company will be on board after May.

Planning and Development Department – no report.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Milton Locklear provided update on beautification project along Dunn Avenue and Main Street. Call 360-5265 to report maintenance issues in the North District.

Duval County Health Department – Jocelyn Turner provided information regarding eating healthier and shaping up.

Consumer Affairs Division – Ty Burke announced that they have a new chief, Cecelia Jefferson. They're working to educate the public regarding silent crimes. Call Consumer Affairs with complaints.

Neighborhood Services Division – Cami Cooper announced that CPAC training would be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2004, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at City Hall. The Annual Florida Neighborhoods Conference will be hosted by Jacksonville September 16-18, 2004. Please consider volunteering for the conference. Call Cami with community news to be considered for the Neighborhoods magazine.

Agenda Item 7. Public Comments

Jessie Sammons announced that a Kingsley Plantation meeting would be held on February 25, 2004 to discuss transportation.

Agenda Item 8. Adjournment

Chair Lee, adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.