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Mayor Delaney's quarterly meeting with CPAC Chairs
April 28, 2003

SUMMARY

Attending:
Mayor John Delaney
Urban Core: Dr. Janetta Norman
Arlington: Gary Dickinson
Southeast: Angie Vannatter
Southwest: Carl Moore
Northwest: Diane Kerr
North: Robert Lee
Director of Neighborhoods John Curtin
Neighborhood Services Chief Lorrie DeFrank

John Curtin announced that the Florida Neighborhoods Conference will be in Jacksonville in 2004. The quality and size of the conference has improved significantly since Jacksonville hosted the second annual event in 1998. The CPACs are expected to be involved with neighborhood tours, displays and other aspects of the conference.

The chairs reflected on some of the successes of the past eight years and thanked the mayor for his support of the CPACs. Several mentioned increased membership and more citizen involvement as significant accomplishments. Dr. Janetta Norman said she is "elated" at the improvements that have been made in the Urban Core and Diane Kerr commended the mayor for "inviting the community in." The mayor conceded that although he disagreed with the CPAC concept when they were created in 1993, the CPACs have been a valuable communications vehicle and an effective means of making positive change throughout the city. He said he would expect the new mayor to continue them and that the CPACs will continue to have influence on mayoral initiatives.

Agenda items from CPAC chairs:

Dr. Janetta Norman, Urban Core:
What are the plans for continued growth in the LaVilla area? Can you provide an update of what is to come?
The mayor said LaVilla is "hot, lots of interest", which will bring jobs and activities. What the new mayor decides to do with the convention center will be an important factor.

Are there any plans for growth and improvement to the Brooklyn community? Are there any plans for revitalization of that area?
Mayor: "Brooklyn will be hot, and fun to work with." He said a "neat master plan" west of Riverside includes building a convention center with a piece in the Brooklyn area.

From Angie Vannatter, Southeast: What is the status of the follow-up to the River Summit?
The mayor said that three major follow-up meetings have resulted in a template of a master plan to treat and preserve the river. Discussion includes setting up a new body with representatives from each county that touches the river.

From Diane Kerr, Northwest:
The crime in North Riverside is rampant and dangerous. The killings the week of April 21 and the media attack (bad elements throwing bottles at them and someone was cut) is out of control. We need a new plan.
Diane is referring to the area bordered by Stockton, Forest, Woodlawn and Edison streets. She said rarely a week goes by without at least one shooting. She asked if the city could take an extreme action toward stopping the crime, such as closing the streets to everyone except residents as was effectively done in New York.
The mayor asked John Curtin to get with the sheriff to discuss the possibility of declaring a temporary emergency in the area and he asked the Neighborhoods Department to get police reports from the area to see what we are looking at.

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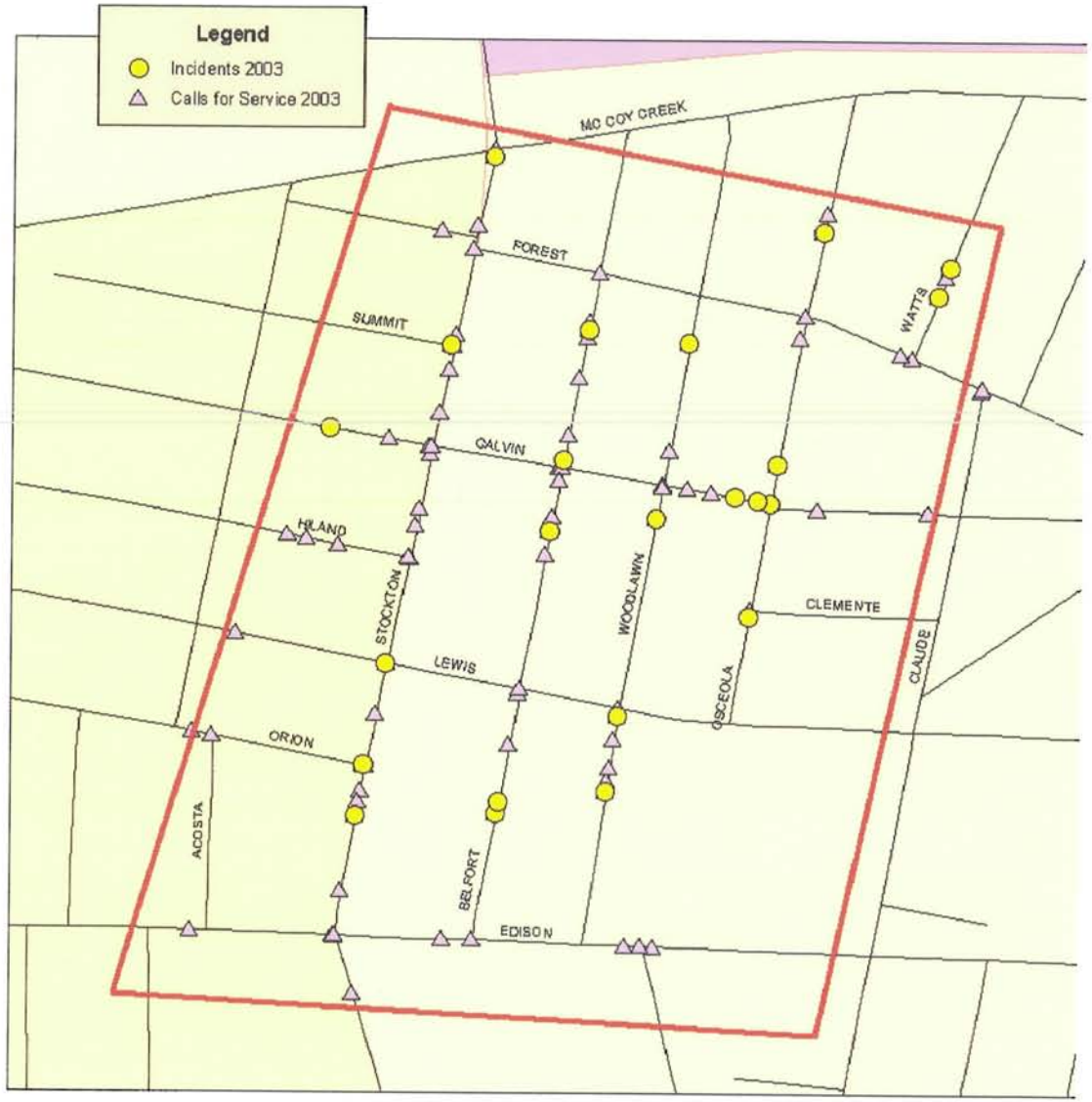
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