Mayor Peyton's quarterly meeting with CPAC chairs
4 p.m., Aug. 1, 2006 – Mayor's Small Conference Room

SUMMARY

Attending:
Mayor John Peyton
Kerri Stewart, Director, Housing and Neighborhoods Department
Lorrie DeFrank, Chief, Neighborhood Services Division

CPACs:
Urban Core: Chair Dr. Janetta Norman
Greater Arlington/Beaches: Chair Tom Shouvlin
Southeast: Chair Charles McBurney
Southwest: Chair Lee Martin
Northwest: Vice Chair Gadson Burgess
North: Chair Tommy Ruffin

Beginning this month, Mayor Peyton will attend a CPAC meeting in every district. The updated schedule is:

- Aug. 14, District 2, Greater Arlington/Beaches
- Sept. 13, District 6, North
- Sept. 25, District 3, Southeast
- Oct. 9, District 4, Southwest
- Nov. 6, District 1, Urban Core
- Jan. 11, 2007, District 5, Northwest

The mayor's next Town Hall Meeting will be at 6 p.m. Aug. 21 in the Urban Core Planning District, location to be determined. The tentative schedule for the rest of the year is:

- North, Oct. 16
- Arlington, Nov. 27

Mayor Peyton opened the meeting by talking about Jacksonville's high murder rate*:* He said the crimes reached the "tipping point" with the murder of Dreshawna Davis and that he called a meeting with highly elected officials to have frank and healthy discussions on how to stop them. In response to requests for more police presence he has allocated $5 million and 50 more officers to crime-ridden neighborhoods. The mayor shared his deep concerns about the murder rate, particularly the child's murder, and asked the chairs to help promote his Day of Faith to bring the community together to focus on the problem on Aug. 12. The mayor and chairs spent the majority of the meeting discussing possible causes and solutions. "It's all about respect," the mayor said.

Agenda items submitted by chairs:
Urban Core:
Drug sales: Dr. Janetta Norman said drug dealing is suspected at stores at 13th Street and Moncrief Road and on Myrtle Avenue between 21st and 22nd streets. *The mayor asked for specific addresses.*
Action: Neighborhood Services will follow up.

Hogan's Creek: What is the status of the Hogan's Creek project?

The mayor said Hogan's and McCoy's creeks have huge potential benefit to the city and the administration will continue to find ways to clean them up.

Greater Arlington/Beaches:
Tom Shouvlin said the District 2 CPAC is looking forward to having the mayor attend this month's meeting.

Tom said most residents are satisfied with the **Seeds of Change** initiative that is targeting Historic Arlington.

Southeast:
Growth Management Task Force: Charles McBurney said the Southeast CPAC set up a subcommittee to come up with its own recommendations for growth management and encouraged other CPACs to do likewise.

Seeds of Change: Charles expressed concern that pilot programs in targeted older neighborhoods would take resources from other neighborhoods.
The mayor said the goal is not to pull resources from other neighborhoods. If there is a problem, identify it and go after it.

Southwest:
Northwest corner of Blanding Boulevard and 103rd Street: Lee Martin praised Derek Igou and code enforcement officers for work they are doing in the "open air market" but said the vacant Pic 'N Save building continues to be an eyesore and a blight upon the community.

Violent crime: Lee said violent crime is a concern on the Westside and that there have been three murders within a half mile of his church on Seaboard Avenue in three years. He said the faith community has not done all it can do and should be doing to intervene.

Fishing Creek Flooding: Lee Martin submitted a paper detailing concerns about flooding south of Timuquana Bridge to 118th Street. It states that in July and September 2005 Fishing Creek flooded to 12 inches above maximum previous levels. BJP work is blamed for the flooding. A moratorium on building permits and dredging Fishing Creek is recommended.
Action: Neighborhood Services will follow up.

Northwest:
Neighborhood crime: Gadson Burgess thanked the mayor for "saving a lot of innocent lives" by his efforts to stop the city's murders "because we were about to be vigilantes." He said more than 100 people were expected at his neighborhood's National Night Out event that evening and offered residents' support for the mayor's programs: "We have it going on in Magnolia Gardens North!"

North:

Neighborhood crime: Tommy Ruffin said when developers make presentations at CPAC meetings members try to encourage them to build townhouses instead of apartment buildings in an effort to encourage home ownership, which fosters stronger neighborhoods and less crime.

Overcrowded roads: Some roads in the North District are not keeping up with development. CPAC members are complaining growth planning. Some roads are at 150% capacity.

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CPAC Picnic: Lee Martin said the Southwest CPAC plans to host the 2006 CPAC picnic at Little Talbot Island on Saturday, Sept. 16. He invited the mayor to attend. The mayor said he would like to attend and will check his schedule.