

**Palmetto City Council**  
**October 2, 2000 7: 00 PM**

**Elected Officials Present:**

**Pat Whitesel, Mayor**  
**Tamara Cornwell, Vice Mayor**  
**Shirley Groover Bryant, Council Member**  
**Donna Keefer, Council Member**  
**Mary Lancaster, Council Member**  
**Brian Williams, Council Member**

**Staff and other present:**

**Alan Prather, Attorney**  
**Ken Bright, Chief of Police**  
**Mary Jean Forrester, Acting City Clerk**  
**Mike Hickey, Public Works Director**  
**Margaret Tusing, Planning & Zoning Director**  
**Diane Ponder, Administrative Assistant**

**Mayor Whitesel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.**

**Chief Bright gave the invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.**

**1. ORDINANCE NO. 686**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 387, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY TO APPROVE THE GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN, WITH CONDITIONS, AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 8.4 OF THE ZONING CODE FOR THE STILL'S MOTEL AND AS GRAPHICALLY PORTRAYED ON THE SITE PLAN ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Z0008/Pacific Tomato Growers, Inc.)**

**MOTION: Mr. Williams moved, with regrets, Mrs. Lancaster seconded, with regrets, Ms. Bryant approved, with regrets, and Ms. Cornwell approved the adoption of Ordinance No. 686. Mrs. Keefer voted no. Motion carried 4 to 1.**

## 2. NORTH RIVER ACTION TEAM PRESENTATION

Ms. Connie Ford, President of the North River Action Team, presented each Council Member a booklet prepared by team members, addressing the needs of the community. Ms. Ford introduced the following residents who have helped put this information together: Rosa Newsome, Amanda Ford, Yvonne Presha, Willie Hudson, Jacquelyn Randall, Jessie Lee Williams, Bertha Clemmens, Clara Lee Williams and Joseph Scott. She also reported that code enforcement from the city and county have also surveyed the area. The North River Action Team, together with Mary Ann Andrews, asked that the city arrange a joint meeting with the county to address issues such as lighting and mosquito control. Council asked Chief Bright and Mr. Hickey to provide a map of lighting needs, in addition to the lighting that will be installed by CRA.

Mrs. Lancaster stated many of the affected residents live in the county but work diligently to clean up the City of Palmetto. Mrs. Lancaster thanked Mr. Hudson for providing use of his truck during the recent clean-up day.

## 3. INTERSECTION WIDENING OF 3<sup>RD</sup> ST. DR. & 4<sup>TH</sup> ST. W. AT RIVERSIDE DR.

Mr. Williams explained this issue is not new to the City, that he had asked staff to review the corner approximately eight months ago. Mr. Robert Coleman addressed Council concerning this issue, stating a former Public Works Director expressed to him his opinion it was a bad idea and he would not proceed with it. Mr. Coleman discussed the history of the road and his belief money to widen the street would be ill-spent City funds.

Mrs. Kaddatz addressed Council, stating she had asked for the widening of 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Drive. She discussed the right-of-way on 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Dr., the inability of garbage and fire trucks making the turn onto 4<sup>th</sup> St. W., and the inability of cars passing on the curve.

Mr. Hickey reported to Council he had reviewed the corner and had conversed with Chief Johnson and the sanitation department concerning the inability of their vehicles making the curve. He reported the portion of the street under discussion as substandard and estimated the cost to widen the corner at \$13,300.

Temporary solutions and alternatives were discussed. Mr. Coleman inquired whether a feasibility study or traffic count had been done on this project. Mrs. Keefer stated a survey should be obtained documenting the right-of-ways.

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**MOTION: Ms. Bryant moved, Mr. Williams seconded and motion carried unanimously to turn this item over to the Public Works Department for a recommendation, and if the recommendation includes widening the site, ownership of the right-of-way must be determined.**

**Mr. Hickey is to report his findings and recommendation to Council November 20, 2000.**

**4. RESOLUTION NO. 00-27**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 99-18, WHICH RESOLUTION ADOPTED THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**MOTION: Ms. Cornwell moved, Mrs. Keefer seconded and motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 00-27.**

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A) Minutes of September 21 and 25, 2000**
- B) Special Function Permit: Children's Day Parade April 13, 2001**

**MOTION: Mrs. Keefer moved, Ms. Bryant seconded and motion carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.**

**6. MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Building Official Frank Baxter will be asked to attend the October 12, 2000 Council Meeting to review the renovation plans for city hall.**

**Mayor Whitesel stated she had offered Diane Ponder the Administrative Assistant to the Mayor and Council position at \$33,000 and she had accepted the offer. A discussion was held concerning the salary range, job description, and duties Mrs. Ponder would assume, and whether her qualifications met the job description requirements.**

**MOTION: Ms. Bryant moved, Mr. Williams seconded and motion carried unanimously to accept Diane Ponder at \$33,000.**

**Ms. Bryant stated she would request Council to totally rewrite this job description.**

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## **7. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT**

Chief Bright reported the COPS Grant had not been awarded to the City because of a lack of funds. The three positions in the budget will not be funded.

Chief Bright passed out a report on the K-9 unit.

Attorney Prather reported he would have a contract with Zoller, Najjar & Shroyer at the October 16, 2000 meeting.

## **8. INDIVIDUAL COMMENTS**

### **Ms. Bryant**

Ms. Bryant inquired about the affordable apartment community for the elderly. She reported she had received 18 reports concerning the project and they were all in the negative.

Ms. Bryant referred to the Florida League of Cities Datagram referring to the Florida Local Historical Records Grant Program. Mrs. Ponder was asked to obtain information about the grant.

Ms. Bryant requested that in addition to the Department Head Report that Council continues to receive minutes of the Department Head Meetings.

Ms. Bryant inquired about the status of the P2000 Grant. Mayor Whitesel reported that it doesn't look good, but she would not know anything definite until she was able to speak with the grant writer, who has failed to return any calls. Mayor Whitesel informed Council she has asked the Human Resource Director to advertise the grant writer position.

Ms. Bryant inquired as to the 7<sup>th</sup> Street issue. A meeting will be held with involved parties at a future date.

### **Mrs. Keefer**

Mrs. Keefer commented on the letter received concerning the surplus property the City was to sell.

### **Mrs. Lancaster**

Mrs. Lancaster advised Mr. Hickey a list of streets that are not being swept is being compiled for his action.

Mrs. Lancaster thanked the North River Action Team for all their help and support.

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**Mr. Williams**

**Mr. Williams brought up a letter from Mr. Clyde Boltz. Mr. Prather advised he thought there had been an incorrect statement made concerning a resident's question of his property taxes. Ms. Bryant has asked Mr. Boltz to provide a copy of the project's budget for review.**

**Mr. Williams referred to the letter from Riviera Dunes concerning the grant writer. Mayor Whitesel stated the documentation had been received in a timely manner.**

**Ms. Cornwell**

**Ms. Cornwell asked Chief Bright if the loss of the COPS Grant would affect the SRO Program, to which he replied no negative impact should be felt.**

**Ms. Cornwell asked that Mr. Hickey inquire about the possibility of expanding recycling to local businesses.**

**Ms. Cornwell reported that equipment looked at for the Skate Park was not appropriate.**

**Ms. Cornwell asked that loose dogs in the City be addressed. The letter to the county addressing this topic will be resubmitted.**

**Ms. Cornwell asked whether Ms. Svenson had been notified that Lincoln Middle School could not be used as a hurricane evacuation center. Ms. Tusing said she would contact Ms. Svenson.**

**Mayor Whitesel**

**Mayor Whitesel asked about the 3.1% COLA raise to Department Heads. Ms. Cornwell stated there was a 6-month probation period for new hires before a COLA raise would be granted.**

**MOTION: Mrs. Keefer moved, Mr. Williams seconded and motion carried unanimously that Department Heads receive a 3.1% COLA raise effective October 1, 2000.**

**Mayor Whitesel discussed the planned retreat. After discussing various dates, Council determined the best date to hold the retreat would be November 13, 2000 after the regular administrative meeting.**

**9. CITIZEN COMMENT**

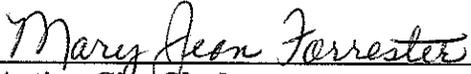
**Cynthia Fobbs addressed Council concerning the CRA Board attending the recent City Council meeting, inquiring if the meeting was a called meeting by either the City Council or the CRA. Mrs. Fobbs inquired about the transfer of the CRA Revitalization Program monies by City Council from a line item to a reserve**

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account within the CRA budget. Mr. Williams explained to Mrs. Fobbs that the City Council, as the governing municipality over the CRA, exercised its right to move funds within the CRA Budget. Mr. Prather explained that City Council had met all requirements of the City Code relating to the adoption of the CRA budget. Council Members reiterated that until the program is fine-tuned the CRA Revitalization funds would remain in the reserve account within the CRA Budget.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

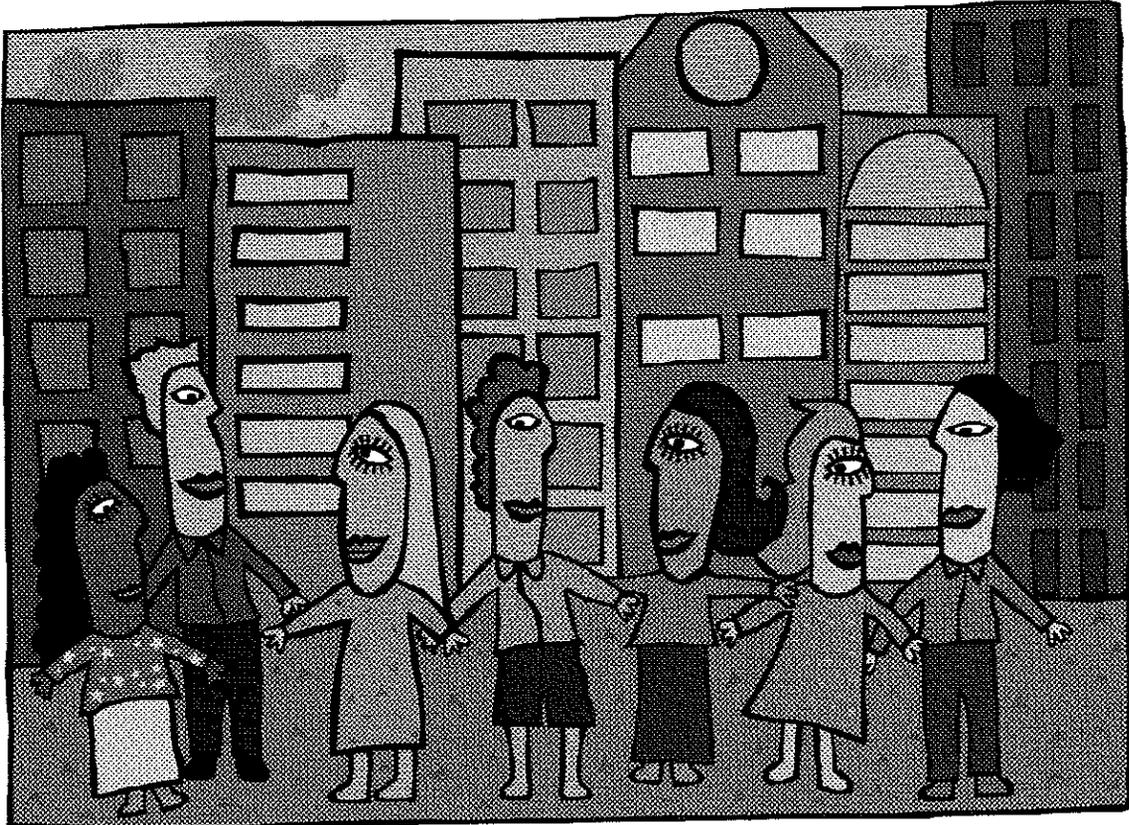
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Mary Jean Ferrester  
Acting City Clerk

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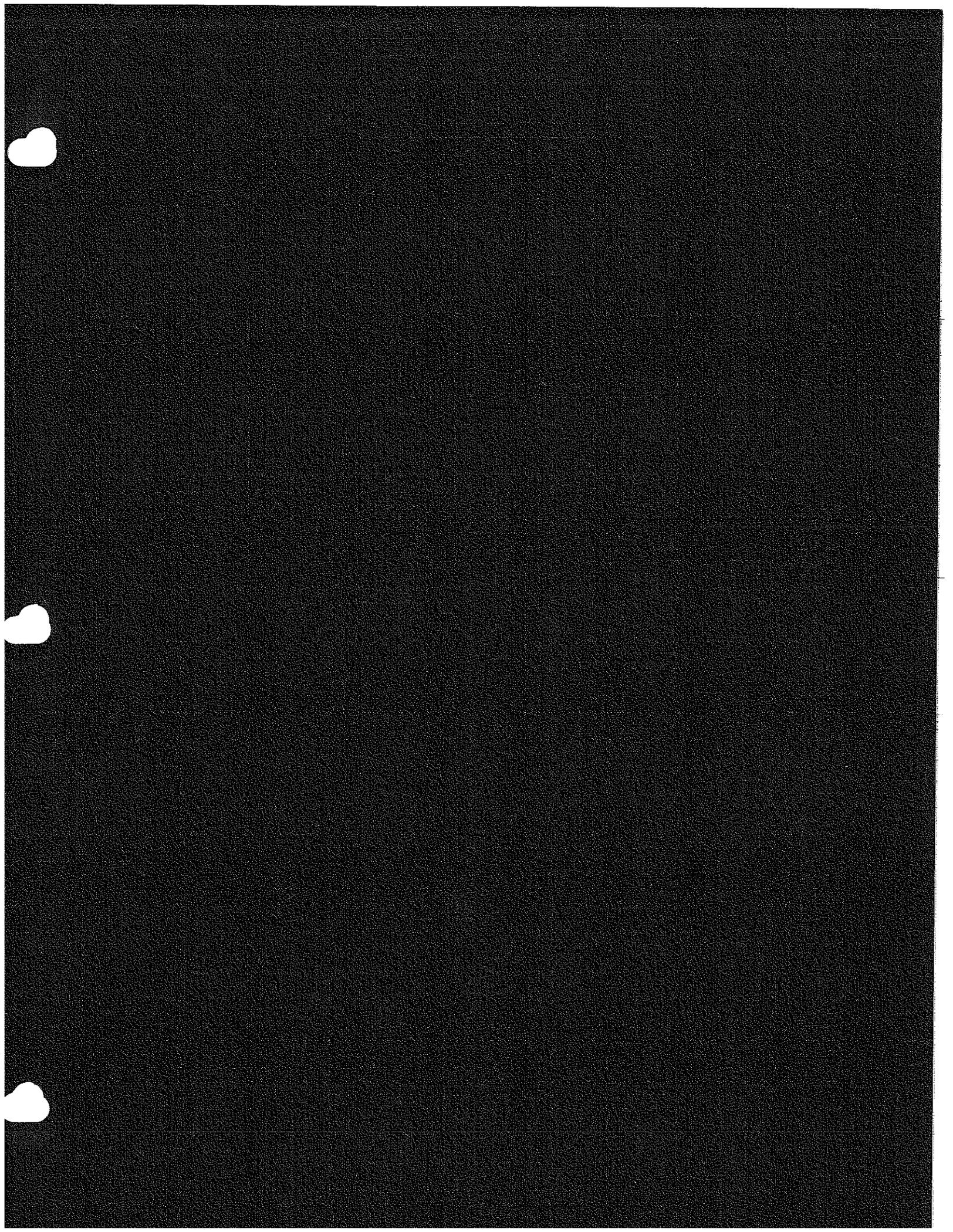
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# North River Action Team



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## WEED & SEED

- Community Organizing
- Training
- Survey Development
- Research
- Evaluation
- Asset Mapping
- Technical Assistance
- Will Building
- Policy Development
- Education
- GIS Mapping
- Racial Healing

## **Background:**

The City of Palmetto has a history of working together for a common cause. For the past 18 months, Drug Free Communities has provided support to targeted neighborhoods for the development of Cutting Edge, Front Porch Florida and Weed and Seed initiatives. A core component of all the efforts continue to be active resident involvement and leadership and partnership with government and local organizations focused on community improvement.

Palmetto is facing a decision. The decision is to go forward with Drug Free Communities to secure Official Recognition as a Weed and Seed community. The decision requires the following:

- Refinement of targeted areas boundaries. The Executive Office of Weed and Seed has suggested that the previous area is too large and needs to be focused.
- Establishment of a Steering Committee. Weed and Seed requires that a Steering Committee comprised of at least 51% target area residents be established.
- Partnership with redevelopment organizations: For Weed and Seed Official Recognition to be secured, a working partnership must be established with the Community Redevelopment Agency.
- Asset Mapping: Weed and Seed requires that a comprehensive asset inventory be completed for all Weed and Seed target areas. The Police Department has agreed to assist in this effort.

Palmetto is a City facing challenges. The size and "can do" spirit in Palmetto is a significant asset. However, to be truly successful, DFC needs assistance in directing the effort. DFC cannot and should not make decisions for palmetto as the effort continues. In order to continue, DFC is requesting that a decision be made on target areas and direction.

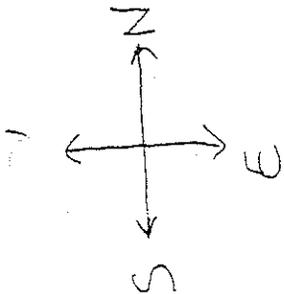
## North River Action Team Community Concerns

<b>CONCERN</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>Jurisdiction:</b> The North River area incorporates both the City of Palmetto and Manatee County. The multi-jurisdictional nature of the area has resulted in difficulty in securing needed services.	Residents are constantly shifted from City to County departments.	The Action Team is asking the City to convene a joint meeting of City and County officials with residents to develop a coordinated plan of service for the area.	Meeting scheduled by November 15, 2000
<b>Lighting:</b> The area is in need of increased lighting.	Residents are willing to post personal lighting, but feel that both the City and County can review lighting needs.	Assist the Action Team in completing a Lighting Survey with City, County and Florida Power. An outcome of the lighting survey would be a plan for increased lighting citing options for City, County and local residents.	Lighting survey completed by December 1, 2000
<b>Mosquito Control:</b> The area routinely has areas of standing water, which breeds mosquitoes.	Residents have been unsuccessful in securing assistance for mosquito eradication.	Provide residents a schedule for mosquito spraying	Schedule provided by Nov.1, 2000
<b>Standing water/Storm Water Runoff:</b> Residents have a common concern related to standing water.	Residents have observed blocked drains and retention ditches (Carr Drain) in need of routine maintenance.	Determination of needed repairs or maintenance to storm drains by jurisdiction. Schedule for maintenance	Nov. 15, 2000
<b>Drug Dealing / Loud Noise:</b> The area has been plagued by illegal activity.	There continues to be an active neighborhood watch. Law enforcement is aggressive in the area.	Continue aggressive enforcement. Address the noise through noise ordinances.	Ongoing

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<p><b>Railroad Crossings:</b> This area has several railroads crossing in need of repair.</p>	<p>CSX recently announced plans to improve the condition of the crossings.</p>	<p>Residents are seeking the assistance of the City to establish a link between the residents and CSX. Residents would like to become involved as the crossings are improved.</p>	<p>Provide the action Team a contact person with CSX by October 15, 2000.</p>
<p><b>Area Maintenance:</b> Recently the City sponsored a cleanup. This effort needs to be maintenance routinely.</p>	<p>The Sheriff's Office Road Gang recently cleaned up the Carr Drain. This effort needs to be expanded and routinely scheduled.</p>	<p>Residents would like the help of the City and County to develop a schedule of routine maintenance of public areas, and to establish a process to assistance elderly residents to maintain their property (i.e. Neighborhood Grants program)</p>	<p>Schedule developed by Nov. 1, 2000</p>

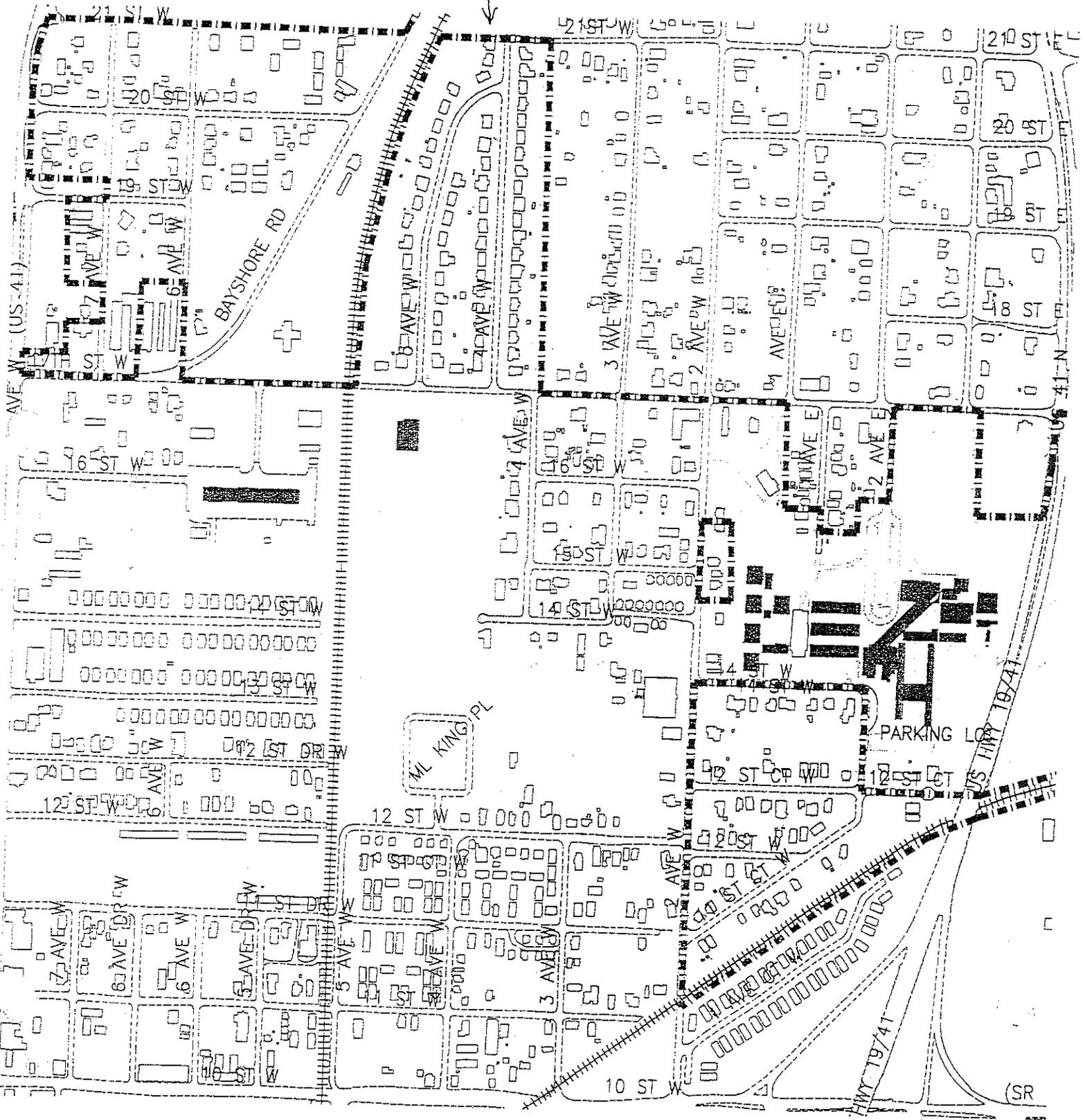
## North River Action Team Members

1. Mary Ann Andrews
2. Minnie Carnes
3. Linda Carnes
4. Bertha Clemons
5. Annie Craddock
6. Debbie Delem
7. Clara L. Dumbar
8. Amanda Ford
9. William Hudson
10. Lee Jones
11. Emmett McCray
12. Shandy Nachsin
13. Pansy Patterson
14. Yvonne R. Presha
15. James Preston, Jr.
16. Calvin Summers
17. Joseph Scott
18. Jessie L. Williams



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Jackson Park



## **NORTH RIVER ACTION TEAM**

At a recent meeting, residents completed the same survey that was conducted previously by residents in the Cutting Edge area. A summary of the North River Action Team results are as follows:

1. More than ½ of the respondents have lived in Palmetto for more than 10 years. 1 person has lived here 5-10 years and 1 person 1-4 years.
2. Most residents own their homes. 10 own, 2 rent.
3. The "biggest concern" about the neighborhood is: LIGHTING/CLEANUP THE NEIGHBORHOOD.
4. "One thing" to improve my neighborhood is : CLEANUP and STANDING WATER
5. Most of the residents feel "safe" out alone in their neighborhood after dark. 8 feel safe, 1 feels very safe, 3 unsafe, 1 very unsafe, 1 no answer
6. Most of the residents feel "safe" out alone in their neighborhood during the day. 8 feel safe, 5 feel very safe, 1 very unsafe,
7. **NUMBER ONE PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERN: ILLEGAL DRUG ACTIVITY and NOISE DISTURBANCES**
8. 10 residents have NOT been a victim of crime, 2 have, and 2 no answers
9. Has the neighborhood become better, worse or stayed the same? 7 residents said better, 5 stayed the same, 2 no answers
10. Spoken to a police officer within the last 6 months? The majority have never spoken to an officer (4), 2 people have spoken 2-3 times, 3 have spoken 1 time, 4 no answers
11. This question was only applicable to 3 people. The rest were no answers.
12. This was the same
13. The 3 services that most residents felt were needed
  1. Education
  2. Youth Programs/Social Services
  3. Health Services

14. There were a lot of no answers to this question. Participation in Neighborhood Association. 10 no answers, 3 yes, 1 no
15. Best time of day for neighborhood meetings. 6 evenings, 2 mornings, 6 no answers
16. 8 residents like the Monday meeting times, 1 Tuesday, 1 Saturday, 4 no answers
17. More than half of the residents would contribute 1-5 hours a month, (11), 1 more than 10, 2 no answers
18. Neighborhood Watch? 8 yes, 6 no answers

# NeighborWorks: Palmetto

Palmetto's neighborhoods are our strength. The City of Palmetto and the North River Action Team & Drug Free Communities are committed to helping you build an association. Drug Free Communities is surveying residents to begin to get a picture of your concerns & your capacity to work together for the North River area. Please take a few min complete the survey, your reponse will help us build a strong foundation for the City of Palmetto.

1. How long have you lived in the neighborhood?

- less than a year       1-4 years       5-10 years       more than 10 years

2. Do you rent or own?

- rent       own

3. What is your "Biggest Concern" about your neighborhood?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. What "One Thing" could be done to improve my neighborhood?

\_\_\_\_\_

**Scale Definition: 1 - Very Unsafe 2 - Unsafe 3 - Safe 4 - Very Safe**

5. How safe do you feel out alone in your neighborhood after dark? .....  1  2  3  4

6. How safe do you feel out alone in your neighborhood during the day? .....

7. Which of the following are public safety concerns in your neighborhood?

- Auto Theft       Juvenile Violtions       Prostitution  
 Burglaries/Robberies       Noise Disturbances       Traffic Law Violations  
 Illegal Drug Activity       Property Destruction/ Vandalism       Code violations  
 Others

8. Have you or someone that you know been a victim of a crime in your neighborhood during the past 6 months? .  Y  N

9. In general, has this neighborhood become a better, worse or stayed about the same in the past year?

- Better       Worse       Same

10. Over the past 6 months, I have talked to a police officer about neighborhood concerns..

- Several times a week       Once       Once a week       Never  
 once a month       2-3 times

11. During the past 6 months, have you been a victim of any of the following crimes in your neighborhood?

- Vandalism       Armed Robbery  
 Rape       Breaking and Entering of your home, garage or car  
 Theft from your yard       Assault  
 Had your car stolen

# NeighborWorks: Palmetto

2. If you answered question 11, did you report this to the police? .....  Y  N

13. What services do you feel are most needed in your community?

- Education Programs       Health Services       Business Development       Law Enforcement  
 Youth Programs       Housing       Employment       Playground/Park  
 Social Services

14. Would you be willing to participate in a neighborhood association? .....  Y  N

15. What time of the day would be best for you to participate in a neighborhood meeting?

- Morning       Afternoon       Evening

16. What day of the week would be best for you to participate in a neighborhood meeting?

- Monday       Tuesday       Wednesday       Thursday       Friday       Saturday  
 Sunday

17. How many hours a month would you consider contributing to build a neighborhood association?

- 1-5 hours       5-10 hours       more than 10 hours

18. Are you interested in becoming a member of Neighborhood Watch? .....  Y  N

19. Please add my name to your mailing list.

- Name \_\_\_\_\_       Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_       Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Thank You for your participation in this Safety and Security Survey. We need HELP to make this operation a success. You may contact Drug-Free Communities at 373-7371 for more information.

# Histogram Report for EDGEPALE.SUR

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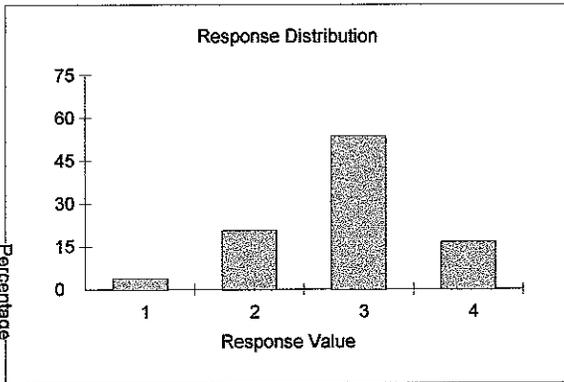
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First Respondent: 7/13/99 Last Respondent: 7/20/99

Time Interval: 7/19/99 to 9/1/99

Respondents this time interval: 711

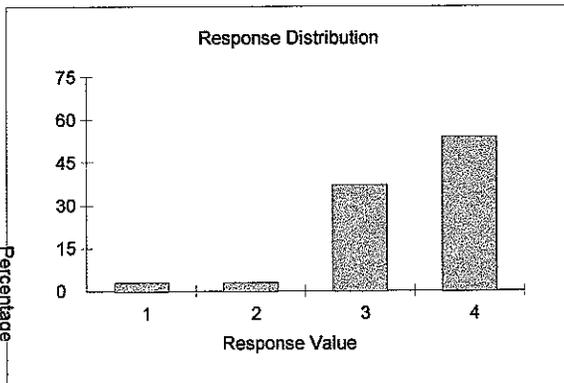
1. How safe do you feel out alone in your neighborhood after dark?



Total Responses to this question: 606

1 - Very Unsafe	30	4.95%
2 - Unsafe	130	21.45%
3 - Safe	338	55.78%
4 - Very Safe	108	17.82%

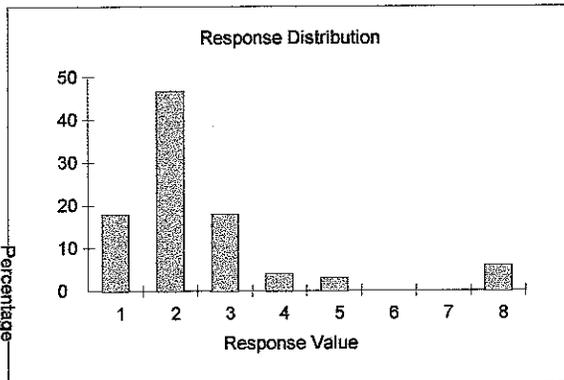
2. How safe do you feel out alone in your neighborhood during the day?



Total Responses to this question: 605

1 - Very Unsafe	22	3.64%
2 - Unsafe	19	3.14%
3 - Safe	230	38.02%
4 - Very Safe	334	55.21%

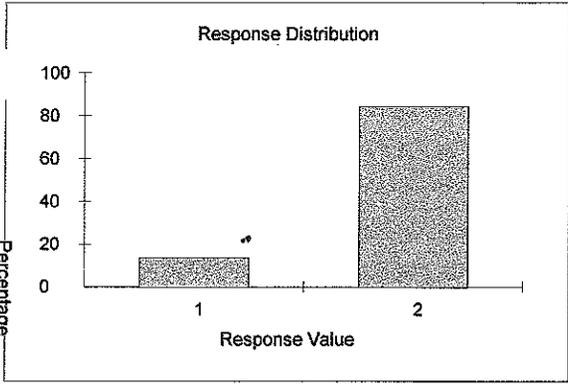
3. Which of the following should the police give the most attention?



Total Responses to this question: 563

1 - Auto Theft	103	18.29%
2 - Burglaries/Robberies	267	47.42%
3 - Illegal Drug Activity	104	18.47%
4 - Juvenile Violations	27	4.80%
5 - Noise Disturbances	20	3.55%
6 - Property Destruction/Vandalism	5	0.89%
7 - Prostitution	0	0.00%
8 - Traffic Law Violations	37	6.57%

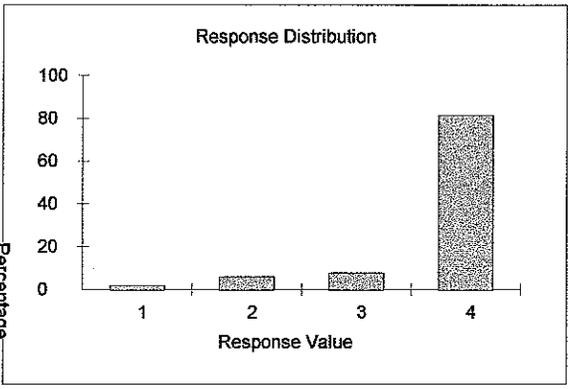
4. Have you or someone that you know been the victim of a crime on your block during the past 6 months?



Total Responses to this question: 600

1 - Yes	88	14.67%
2 - No	512	85.33%
Mean: 1.85	Standard Deviation: 0.35	

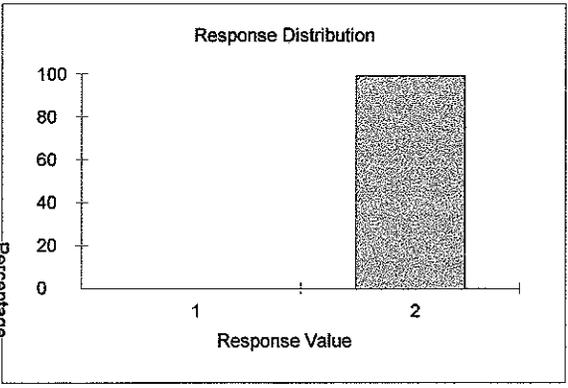
5. How long have you lived in the neighborhood?



Total Responses to this question: 601

1 - Less than 6 months	18	3.00%
2 - 6 to 12 months	37	6.16%
3 - 1-2 years	51	8.49%
4 - More than 2 years	495	82.36%

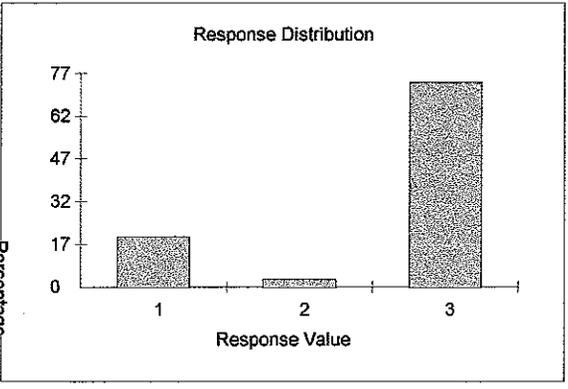
6. Is your neighborhood dangerous enough that in the past 12 months you have considered moving?



Total Responses to this question: 618

1 - Yes	0	0.00%
2 - No	618	100.00%
Mean: 2.00	Standard Deviation: 0.00	

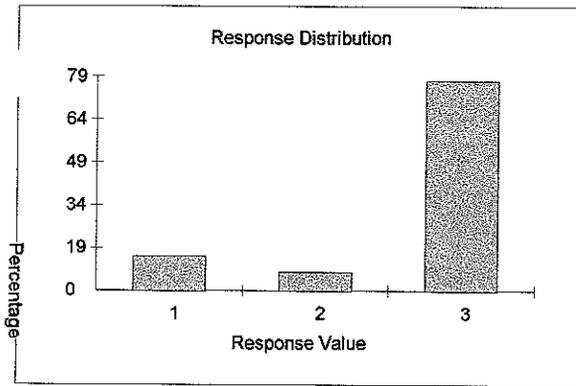
7. Has local police performance gotten better, worse, or stayed about the same in the past year?



Total Responses to this question: 577

1 - Better	110	19.06%
2 - Worse	19	3.29%
3 - Same	448	77.64%

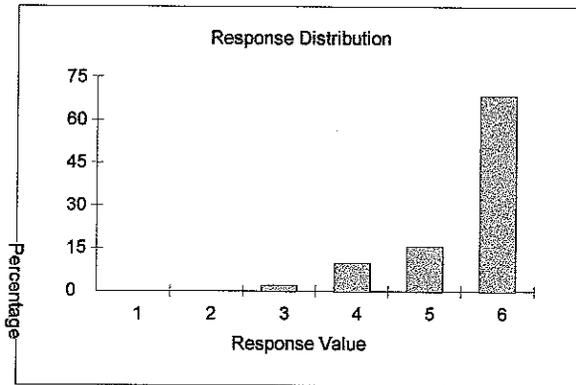
8. In general, has this neighborhood become a better, worse or about the same place to live in the past year?



Total Responses to this question: 597

1 - Better	78	13.07%
2 - Worse	44	7.37%
3 - Same	475	79.56%

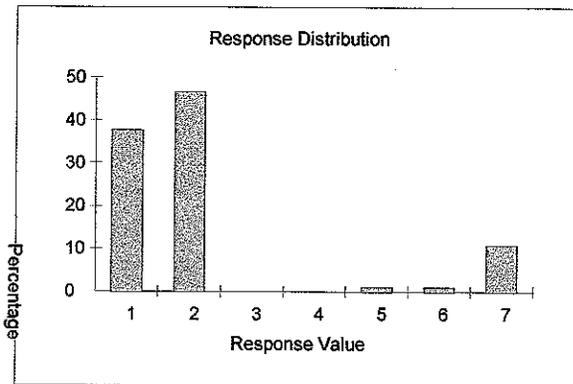
9. Over the past 6 months, I have talked to a police officer about neighborhood concerns...(select one)



Total Responses to this question: 600

1 - Several times a week	1	0.17%
2 - Once a week	3	0.50%
3 - Once a month	12	2.00%
4 - 2 or 3 times	62	10.33%
5 - Once	100	16.67%
6 - Never	422	70.33%

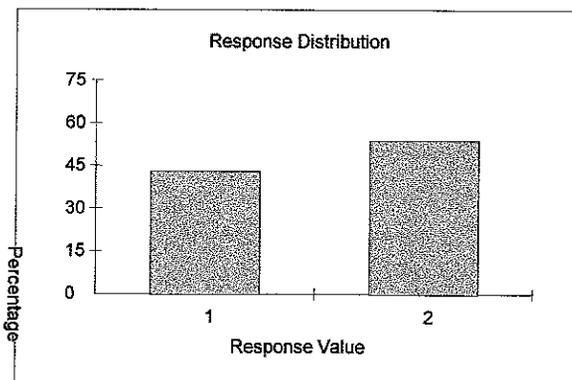
10. During the past 6 months, have you been the victim of any of the following crimes in your neighborhood?



Total Responses to this question: 78

1 - Vandalism	30	38.46%
2 - Theft From Your Yard	37	47.44%
3 - Armed Robbery	0	0.00%
4 - Assault	0	0.00%
5 - Rape	1	1.28%
6 - Had Your Car Stolen	1	1.28%
7 - Breaking and Entering Of Your Home	9	11.54%

11. If you answered question 10, did you report this crime to the police?



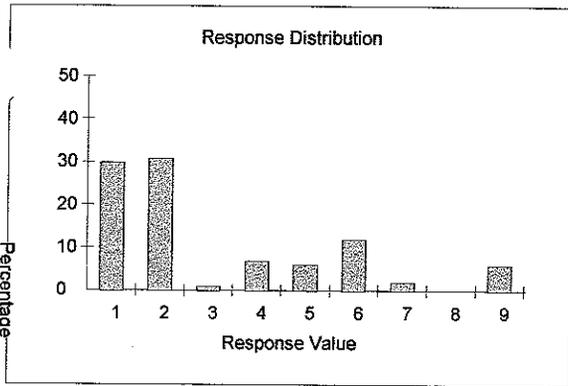
Total Responses to this question: 65

1 - Yes	29	44.62%
2 - No	36	55.38%

Mean: 1.55

Standard Deviation: 0.50

12. What services do you feel are most needed in your community?



Total Responses to this question: 532

1 - Education programs	163	30.64%
2 - Law Enforcement	166	31.20%
3 - Housing	8	1.50%
4 - Playground/Park	41	7.71%
5 - Health Services	35	6.58%
6 - Youth Programs	64	12.03%
7 - Employment	14	2.63%
8 - Social Services	4	0.75%
9 - Business Development	37	6.95%

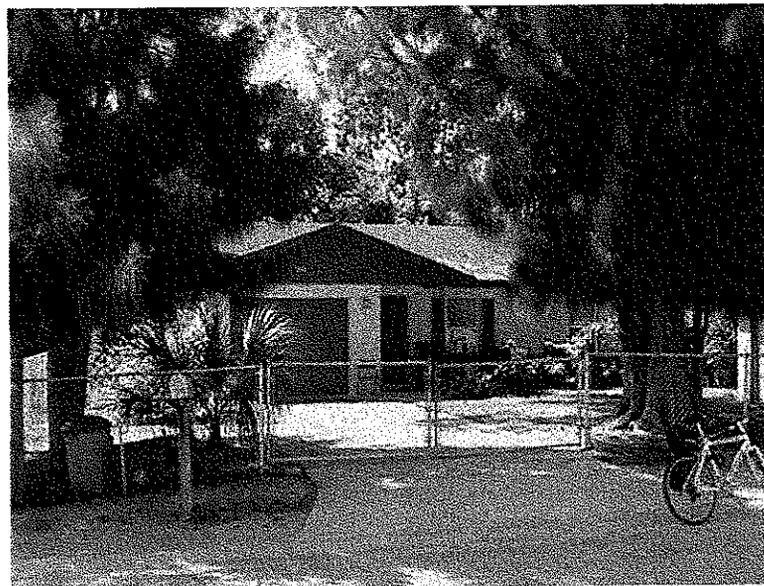
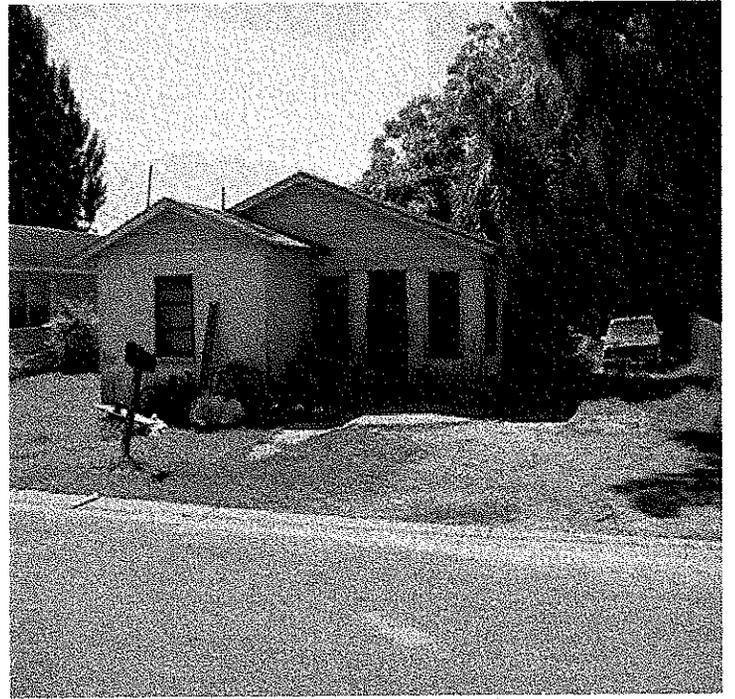
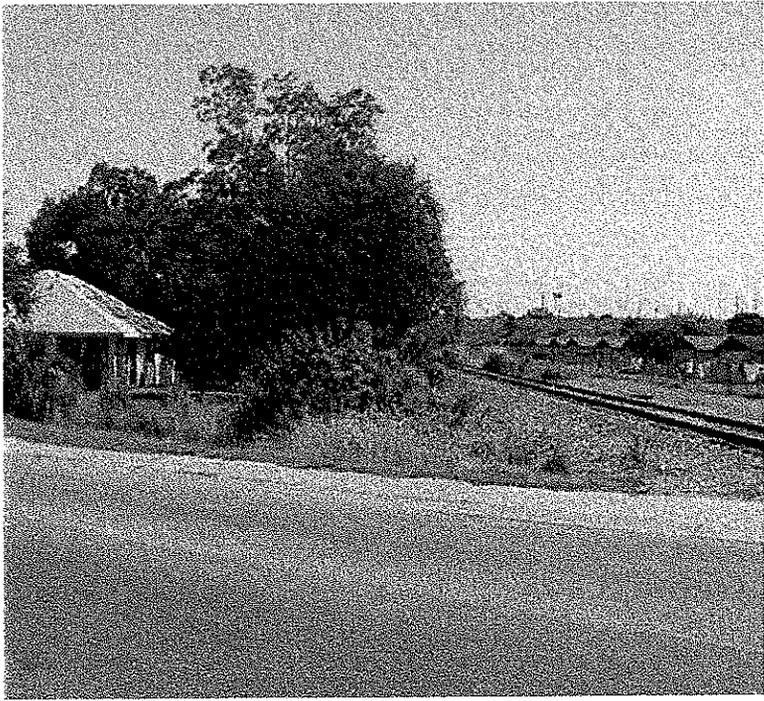
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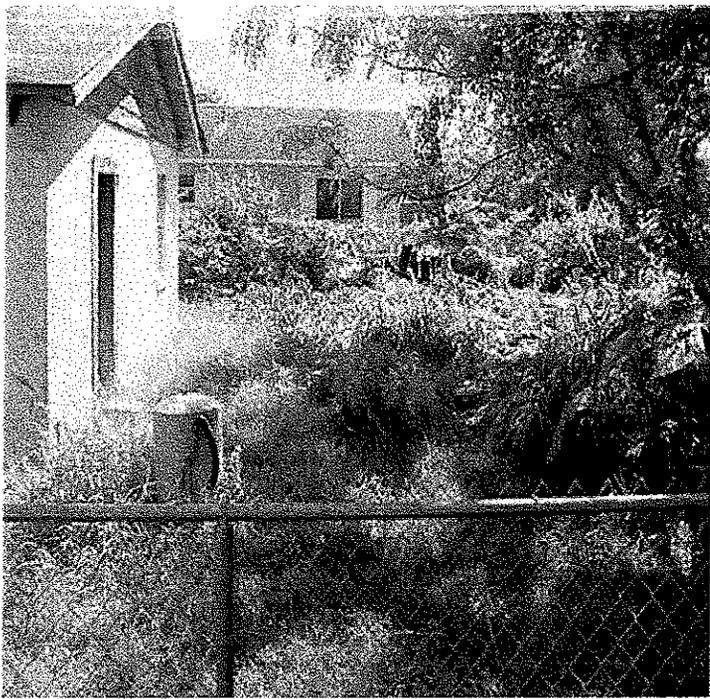
**Disc 2**

1. Drain clogged in front of 417 11<sup>th</sup> St Dr west. Out of but adjacent to the target area.
2. Carr Drain looking north from 12<sup>th</sup> St West showing the overgrowth and clogs. The Carr Drain is in the target area.
3. Carr Drain looking south from 12<sup>th</sup> St West. The Manatee County Road Gang arrived the day before this photo and began cleaning the ditch from south to north. They are pictured in the background at work. The residents in the target area want the drain cleaned on a regular basis since it backs up to many homes, and is unsightly. It is also a breeding ground for rats and mosquitoes, houses vagrants, and negatively impacts area drainage when not kept clean.
4. Carr Drain clog further to the north, still in the target area.
5. Carr Drain overgrowth and clog at the rear of the Palmetto Head Start in the target area. Children play in this playground on a daily basis, near the rat infested ditch.
6. Carr Drain showing growth and clogs in the target area.
7. Overgrown railroad property in the 1000 blk 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave West. The peppertrees and other growth are growing over and thru the fence at the rear of the new house shown, impacting the backyard. The residents have tried to get the railroad to trim the growth, but get no response. Although not in the target area, residents of the target area pointed this concern out.
8. Properties at 107 and 109 12<sup>th</sup> St Ct West, which are in the target area. Note the contrast in the condition of the properties. The resident who lives in the yellow house has made repeated requests to County Code Enforcement to have 107 cleaned up. There are rats from 107 coming into her yard. Properties are in the target area.
9. Contrast in the two properties. This is 109 12<sup>th</sup> St. Ct West.
10. Contrast in the two properties. This is 107 12<sup>th</sup> St Ct West.
11. Garbage piling up in front of 107 12<sup>th</sup> St Ct West. It has been there for some time.
12. Unlicensed and inoperable vehicle in the yard at 107. The close proximity makes this a problem for the resident at 109.

13. Overgrown backyard at 107 12<sup>th</sup> St Ct West. There are large rats living here that plague neighbor's yards.
14. Corner of overgrown yard at 107. This is where vagrants sleep.
15. Unlicensed inoperable vehicle at 118 14<sup>th</sup> St West. The car is covered with gang graffiti. It is directly across from Lincoln Middle School, and is visible to the students.
16. View of the same car showing expired tag.







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**Disc 3**

1. Lighting survey looking east on 11<sup>th</sup> St West from 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave West showing a complete lack of lighting. This is in the target area.
2. Same view as above with an officer standing about 15 feet in front of the camera. This photo was taken with the flash on.
3. The same view with the officer standing in the same spot with the flash off. In both photos note that the person standing in the middle of the road is barely visible.
4. View of 11<sup>th</sup> St West and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave West looking west on 11<sup>th</sup> St West. Note the lack of lighting here too. This is not in but adjacent to the target area.
5. The next three photos show the view looking east on 11th St Dr West from 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave West, again showing the dark conditions and the complete lack of lighting.

Note: Photos unable to be viewed.