



City of Jacksonville – The Jacksonville Journey

Education, Truancy, Dropout & Literacy

MINUTES

OF

EDUCATION, TRUANCY, DROPOUT &

LITERACY SUB-COMMITTEE

January 22, 2008

The Jacksonville Journey – Education, Truancy, Dropout &

Literacy Sub-Committee

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1:30 p.m.

PROCEEDINGS before the Jacksonville Journey - Education, Truancy, Dropout & Literacy Sub-Committee taken on Monday, January 22, 2008, Edward Ball Building, 8th Floor - 214 N. Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida commencing at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Education, Truancy, Dropout & Literacy Sub-Committee

W.C. Gentry, Chair
Tony Bellamy, Member
Terrie Brady, Member
Nancy Broner, Member
Vicki Burke, Member
Skip Cramer, Member
Pastor Criswell, Member
Michael Edwards, Member
John Fletcher, Member
Deborah Gianoulis, Member
Cheryl Grymes, Member
Bill Hodges, Member
Connie Hodges, Member
Kevin Hyde, Member
Mia Jones, Member
Robert Lee, Member
Tom Majdanics, Member
Nongongama Majova-Seane, Member
Gerlieve Oliver, Member
Perry Robinson, Member
Bill Scheu, Member
Connie Stophel, Member
Barbara Gubbin, Ex Officio

APPEARANCES

COMMITTEE CHAIRS & MEMBERS:

W.C. GENTRY, Chair
TONY BELLAMY, Member
NANCY BRONER, Member
SKIP CRAMER, Member
PASTOR CRISWELL, Member
MICHAEL EDWARDS, Member
DEBORAH GIANOULIS, Member
CHERYL GRYMES, Member
BILL HODGES, Member
CONNIE HODGES, Member
MIA JONES, Member
TOM MAJDANICS, Member
NONGONGAMA MAJOVA-SEANE, Member
GERLIEVE OLIVER, Member
PERRY ROBINSON, Member
BILL SCHEU, Member
BARBARA GUBBIN, Ex-Officio

STAFF:

SUSIE WILES
LINDA LANIER
RENEE BRUST
STEPHANIE BARNETT
RACHELLE M. SUNDY

OTHERS PRESENT:

Harris Warren, NBFA
Ed Pratt-Dannals, Duval County Public School
Jodie Leach, Communities In Schools
Leon Baxter, CIS
Diane Brunet-Garcia
Padina Rayon, ECC of Duval
Viengkham Vongsay, Fred Astaire Dance Studio
Pam Paul, Jax Community Foundation
Melanie Patz, United Way
Lucretia Williams
Susan Maui
W. Earl Kitchings, Sportivation, Inc.
Vicki Burke
Shelley Orant, SAO

PROCEEDINGS

January 22, 2008

Education, Truancy, Dropout & Literacy Chair/Committee 1:30 p.m.

Call to Order and Comments. Chairman Gentry called the meeting to order at approximately 1:40 p.m.

Purpose of Meeting. Discuss the Mayor's crime initiative - The Jacksonville Journey - Take a Step - Education, Truancy, Dropout and Literacy Sub-Committee.

Chairman Gentry welcomed the group and thanked them for their willingness to be in attendance; and proceeded to introduce the Mayoral staff support, Ms. Susie Wiles, and covered the necessary housekeeping items, such as a reminder to the committee regarding the Sunshine laws and no side-bar conversations; stating your name when speaking and always speaking into the microphone, since the meetings are broadcast live on the internet.

The meeting was then turned over to Linda Lanier, Director of the Jacksonville Children's Commission to discuss after-school programs. (NOTE: All presentations are on the website; www.coj.net under the Jacksonville Journey logo). Chairman Gentry thanked the presenters and directed the committee to move onto the business of splitting the committee into workgroups to address the following topics: Truancy; Early Learning; School Relevancy and School Safety. The workgroups were excused and were given the timeframe of 2:15 to 3:00 pm; at which point, the entire committee would come back together. (Minutes for the workgroups are posted on the website for review.)

The full committee reconvened at approximately 3:02 pm at which time Chairman Gentry spoke about the fact that the full committee had not set their meeting schedule for the month of March and April; and suggested a Friday morning meeting (bi-weekly). Committee members agreed and it was noted that staff would provide a meeting schedule to accommodate the request. It was further noted that the meetings would begin one-half hour earlier (at 1:00 pm) to ensure meeting completion prior to the next meeting schedule for the boardroom the committee occupied. Chairman Gentry encouraged all committee members to attend the workgroup sessions to gain understanding of all issues at hand. The meeting was then adjourned at approximately 3:25 pm.

2. Action Items

Bring current issues facing the community under the charge of the committee.

3. Discussion Items

None.

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.