



**City of Jacksonville – The Jacksonville Journey**

**Intervention and Rehabilitation**

**MINUTES**

**OF**

**INTERVENTION & REHABILITATION**

**SUB-COMMITTEE**

**February 11, 2008**

# The Jacksonville Journey – Intervention & Rehabilitation

## Sub-Committee

February 11, 2008

2:30 p.m.

PROCEEDINGS before the Jacksonville Journey - Intervention & Rehabilitation Sub-Committee taken on Monday, February 11, 2008, Edward Ball Building, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor - 214 N. Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida commencing at approximately 2:30 p.m.

### Intervention & Rehabilitation Sub-Committee

John Coxwell, Chair  
Ron Autrey, Member  
Bob Baldwin, Member  
Gordon Bass, Jr., Member  
Karen Bowling, Member  
Lad Daniels, Member  
Latroy Daniels, Member  
Ron Foster, Jr., Member  
Reginald Gaffney, Member  
Kevin Gay, Member  
Michael Hallett, Member  
Elder Harris, Member  
Wyllie Hodges, Member  
Joseph Hutchinson, Member  
Cal Jackson, Member  
Sharon Kirkland, Member  
Ray Reid, Member  
David Stevens, Member  
William Sulzbacher, Member  
Angelia Turner, Member  
Sherron Watson, Member

## APPEARANCES

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS & MEMBERS:**

JOHN COXWELL, Chair  
RON AUTREY, Member  
BOB BALDWIN, Member  
GORDON BASS, JR., Member  
KAREN BOWLING, Member  
LAD DANIELS, Member  
KEVIN GAY, Member  
MICHAEL HALLETT, Member  
WYLLIE HODGES, Member  
SHARON KIRKLAND, Member  
RAYMOND REID, Member  
WILLIAM SULZBACHER, Member  
DAVID STEVENS, Member  
ANGELIA TURNER, Member  
SHERRON WATSON, Member

### **ABSENTEE MEMBERS:**

LATROY DANIELS, Member  
RON FOSTER, JR., Member  
REGINALD GAFFNEY, Member  
ELDER HARRIS, Member  
JOSEPH HUTCHINSON, Member  
CAL JACKSON, Member

### **STAFF:**

KERRI STEWART  
STEPHANIE BARNETT  
SHAWN JEROR

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

RANDY JENNINGS, GATEWAY COMMUNITY CENTER  
W. EARL KITCHINGS, CEO, SPORTIVATION  
RICHARD MOTT, JACKSONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
DOUG MURR, CHARACTER FIRST  
NEILL VINING, PUBLIC RELATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

## **PROCEEDINGS**

February 4, 2008

Intervention and Rehabilitation Sub-Committee

2:30 p.m.

**Call to Order and Comments.** Chairman Coxwell called the meeting to order at approximately 2:32 p.m.

**Purpose of Meeting.** Discuss the Mayor's crime initiative - The Jacksonville Journey - Take a Step - Intervention and Rehabilitation Sub-Committee.

Chairman Coxwell presented a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion was approved and carried.

Chairman Coxwell gave an overview of Steering Committee meeting and housekeeping items.

The next item on the agenda was a presentation by Chief David Stevens from the Jacksonville Sheriff's office. His presentation gave an overview of the Police Athletic League Program. At the conclusion of his presentation, the floor was open to questions.

Q. Are the needs of the program being met? There are several facilities operating around the city with funding provided by many private organizations. The program could always use additional resources.

Q. How can the community assist in expanding the program? The program can use additional funding and volunteers.

Q. With the passing of Amendment One, are you aware of problems with funding for next year? Much of the funding we receive is from private companies. I am not sure how the passing of the amendment will affect the funding we get from the city.

Q. When a young person enters the program, how long do they usually stay in? They can stay up to 17 years of age.

Q. How many children participate in the PAL programs? Last year we had approximately 2300.

Q. If the program was expanded, how do you determine the funding needs? Before opening new centers, an analysis is done to determine the need. Our current budget for all centers and programs is \$26 million.

Q. Are there eligibility requirements for kids who want to utilize the programs? No.

Q. Was the MARS program discontinued due to funding? The program was effective, but was not cut due to funding.

Q. Are the police officers that work in the program paid by the city or volunteers? Both; Some are paid and others are volunteer.

Q. Have existing schools been looked at as resources for after school programs? PAL looks at existing buildings that are not being utilized. There are some issues with using schools.

Chairman Coxwell thanked Chief Stevens for his presentation.

The next item on the agenda was actions items to be presented to the Steering Committee by Chairman Coxwell. He asked committee members to make a motion on recommendations listed on the agenda.

All three recommendations were approved by members.

With the meeting next week cancelled due to the holiday, Chairman Coxwell asked committee members to form sub-committees to address three different issues: Juvenile Intervention Strategies, Adult Re-Entry Strategies, and Employer/Employment Strategies. Groups were formed and meeting dates and times were to be scheduled.

Committee member Sherron Watson suggested meeting at Gateway to allow public to attend the meetings at that facility. Meeting at that location to be scheduled at a later date.

## **2. Public Comment**

W. Earl Kitchings with Sportivation requested to speak. He suggested that the City of Jacksonville evaluate all current programs to see which ones are not being utilized. He also suggested looking at programs not currently offered in this city that have been successful in other cities.

## **3. Action Items**

Sub-committees to meeting between the dates of February 12 and February 22 regarding proposed topics and report back on February 25, 2008.

Look into scheduling a public meeting at the Gateway Community Center.

## **3. Discussion Items**

None.

**Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.