



City of Jacksonville – The Jacksonville Journey

Administration of Justice Sub-Committee

MINUTES

OF

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

SUB-COMMITTEE

March 24, 2008

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4:15 p.m.

PROCEEDINGS before the Jacksonville Journey - Administration of Justice Sub-Committee taken on Monday, March 24, 2008, Edward Ball Building, 8th Floor - 214 N. Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida commencing at approximately 4:15 p.m.

Administration of Justice Sub-Committee

John Jolly, Chair

Frank Mackesy, Member

Michael Weinstein, Member

Howard Maltz, City of Jacksonville Staff Representative

APPEARANCES

COMMITTEE CHAIR & MEMBERS:

JOHN JOLLY, Chair

FRANK MACKESY, Member

ABSENT:

MICHAEL WEINSTEIN, Member

PROFESSIONAL STAFF:

HOWARD MATLZ, Office of General Counsel

STAFF:

RENEE STOLTZ

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

STEVE PATTERSON, Florida Times Union

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Call to Order and Comments. Chairman Jolly called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes. Mr. Mackesy moved to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2008 meeting, seconded by Mr. Jolly. Members present approved said minutes.

2. Purpose of Meeting. The meeting began and primarily consisted of an in-depth discussion of the content of the draft report.

Mr. Maltz initiated a discussion concerning the subcommittee's recommendation regarding accountability and transparency, and specifically the concept of creating and maintaining a website from which the general public could obtain up to date statistical information concerning the criminal justice system in Duval County. A discussion followed regarding how specific the recommendation should be. Additional discussion was held regarding current accessibility to statistical information from the various components of the criminal justice system in Duval County, i.e., the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO), the State Attorney's Office (SAO), and the Clerk of Court's Office. Specifically, the subcommittee found that obtaining statistical data from JSO was easily accomplished; however, obtaining respective statistical data from the SAO and Clerk of Court was not as easy. In light of that information, the members agreed that the accountability and transparency process must begin with

the necessary agencies maintaining the statistical data to be published.

Additionally, with respect to the issue of accountability and transparency, the subcommittee discussed proposing an annual public address or report by participants in the criminal justice system regarding the state of the criminal justice system. Mr. Mackesy suggested that such an address could be made before the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee.

The subcommittee then revisited their previous discussions of horizontal versus vertical filing of felony cases in the SAO. Revisions to the draft report were recommended.

Action Items. The members agreed that Mr. Maltz would make the suggested revisions to the draft report and forward via email to the members for review. The subcommittee will meet prior to the full Law Enforcement Committee meeting on Thursday, March 27, 2008 at 9:15 a.m. to approve the final report.

Next Meeting. The next Administration of Justice Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2008 at 9:15 a.m., for the purpose of approving the final report prior to submission to the full committee.

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:50 p.m.