

City of Jacksonville – The Jacksonville Journey
Law Enforcement & Deterrence Sub-Committee

MINUTES
OF
POLICE PRESENCE SUB-WORK GROUP
SUB-COMMITTEE

March 17, 2008

The Jacksonville Journey – Police Presence

Sub-Workgroup

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5:30 p.m.

PROCEEDINGS before the Jacksonville Journey Police Presence Sub-Committee taken on Monday, March 17, 2008, Edward Ball Building, 8th Floor – 214 N. Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida commencing at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Police Presence Sub-Workgroup

Lanny Russell, Chair

Isaiah Rumlin, Member

Melissa Nelson, Member

Frank Mackesy, Member

APPEARANCES

COMMITTEE CHAIRS & MEMBERS:

Lanny Russell, Chair
Melissa Nelson, Member
Frank Mackesy, Member

ABSENT COMMITTEE CHAIRS & MEMBERS:

Isaiah Rumlin, Member

PROFESSIONAL STAFF:

Pam Markham, City Inspector General

STAFF:

Adam Hollingsworth
Misty Skipper
Rachelle Sundy
Cameron Sipel

OTHERS PRESENT:

Paul Perez, Law Enforcement Chairman
Sheriff John Rutherford
George Dandelake, JSO
Cheryl Runyon, JSO
Mary Kelli Palka, Florida Times-Union
Steve Patterson, Florida Times-Union

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Increasing Police Presence

Call to Order and Comments. Chairman Russell called the meeting to order at approximately 5:45 p.m.

Purpose of Meeting: Discuss the Mayor's crime initiative – The Jacksonville Journey – Take a Step Increasing Police Presence Sub-Committee.

Chairman Russell welcomed the group and thanked them for attending the meeting even with a time change. Chairman Russell asked the group to go around the table for introductions. Following the introductions, Chairman Russell reminded the committee of the Sunshine Law. Mr. Richard Brady with the Matrix Consulting Group, was then joined by conference call to the meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the recommendations made by the Matrix Consulting Group (Matrix) and the Sheriff's request as a result of the Matrix report. Pam Markham, who moderated the discussion, passed out a document that outlined the recommendations by Matrix and suggestions from Sheriff Rutherford. All of these documents and the in-depth detail of the presentation can be found on the website at www.coj.net; click on the Jacksonville Journey icon; and on the left-hand side of the page – click on Meetings, Agendas, & Minutes link.

It should be noted, this was a working discussion for the group to gain a better understanding of where Matrix and the Sheriff's Office differed in their recommendations and from that; how to create the recommendations that will be presented to the Steering Committee.

As the discussion unfolded; the question turned to "where do we go from here". It was noted that this committee will address and try to validate the Sheriff's request. Undersheriff Mackesy asked the question of what this committee's role is with regards to the Sheriff's recommendations. Chairman Russell noted that the role of this workgroup is to help determine the need and create a report that identifies that; and the Funding Subcommittee's role is to find a way to pay for it. Chairman Russell noted that it was not this workgroup's goal to second-guess the elected officials of our great City, but to provide a clear picture of the need by going through the exercise of vetting all of the requests and recommendations. Sheriff Rutherford noted that he felt this exercise should take place every three years to re-address the needs on an on-going basis.

Chairman Russell thanked the group for their patience and their hard work in this endeavor and asked them to provide their reports or comments by the end of the day Wednesday to the Mayor's staff; who will compile a draft to be sent out by Friday.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.