



City of Jacksonville – The Jacksonville Journey

Law Enforcement & Deterrence Sub-Committee

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SUB-COMMITTEE

January 24, 2008

The Jacksonville Journey – Law Enforcement & Deterrence

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9:30 a.m.

PROCEEDINGS before the Jacksonville Journey - Law Enforcement & Deterrence Sub-Committee taken on Thursday, January 24, 2008, Edward Ball Building, 8th Floor - 214 N. Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida commencing at approximately 9:30 a.m.

Law Enforcement & Deterrence Sub-Committee

Paul Perez, Chair
Ed Hearle, Member
Joe Henry, Member
Bishop Howard, Member
John Jolly, Member
Henry Luke, Member
Frank Mackesy, Member
Isaiah Rumlin, Member
Lanny Russell, Member
Joe Stelma, Member
Melissa Nelson, Member
Michael Weinstein, Member

APPEARANCES

COMMITTEE CHAIRS & MEMBERS:

PAUL PEREZ, Chair
ED HEARLE, Member
JOE HENRY, Member
BISHOP HOWARD, Member
JOHN JOLLY, Member
FRANK MACKESY, Member
MELISSA NELSON, Member
LANNY RUSSELL, Member
JOE STELMA, Member

EXCUSED ABSENT:

ISAIAH RUMLIN, Member
MICHAEL WEINSTEIN, Member

PROFESSIONAL STAFF:

Howard Maltz, Office of General Counsel
Jon Phillips, Office of General Counsel

STAFF:

MISTY SKIPPER
STEPHANIE BARNETT
ALICE CHECORSKI

OTHERS PRESENT:

Joseph Henry, Citizen
Will Ketchum, Committee
M. Sigler, Library
John Bowman, Library
Nelson Cuba, FOP
Terry Lorince, DVI

PROCEEDINGS

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9:30 a.m.

Call to Order and Comments. Chairman Perez called the meeting to order at approximately 9:40 a.m.

Purpose of Meeting. Discuss the Mayor's crime initiative - The Jacksonville Journey - Take a Step - Law Enforcement & Deterrence Sub-Committee.

Chairman Perez welcomed the group and said he was pleased to hear from Misty Skipper and Adam Hollingsworth that the sub-committees met earlier this week. He then noted that it will be a practice of the full committee to hear reports from each of the four sub-committee chairs during the full committee meetings. The sub-committees are:

- 1) Police Presence
- 2) Gun Crimes
- 3) Administration of Justice
- 4) Safe Schools

Chairman Perez then asked Joe Stelma to introduce himself and provide a brief background since he was not in attendance at the last committee meeting.

Mr. Stelma stated he is the Chief Deputy Court Administrator for the 4th Circuit Judicial Court, coordinator of the drug courts and next week, the Mental Health Board.

Chairman Perez asked the group to review the minutes from the January 10, 2008 meeting for approval at the end of today's

meeting.

Misty Skipper reminded the group of the Sunshine Law and that the meetings are streamed live on the coj.net web site. Ms. Skipper reinforced the fact that as members of the committee, you cannot communicate outside via phone, e-mail, sidebar conversations or passing notes. Ms. Skipper then stated we will be required to follow Roberts Rules for voting. Members of the Office of General Counsel will attend the next meeting to discuss this process more formally.

Chairman Perez then introduced Lanny Russell, Chair of the Police Presence Sub-committee. Mr. Russell stated that the other members of this sub-committee are Isaiah Rumlin, Frank Mackesy and Melissa Nelson. The group met on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. for one and one-half hours during which they identified a tentative list of issues this committee will address. In summary, Chairman Perez stated the four areas this sub-committee will focus on are the number of officers, deployment, issues regarding community policing and technology. Chairman Perez commented that these areas conform to what the Mayor is asking this committee in general to look out. The Chairman encouraged the full membership of the committee to speak up with ideas and suggestions.

Ed Hearle read a memorandum he sent to Adam Hollingsworth dated January 16, 2008 regarding his suggestions for the Police Presence Sub-committee. Chairman Perez said he will make sure the committee gets a copy of the memorandum.

Joe Henry recommended that the Police Presence Sub-committee also discuss the scope of leadership and leadership training.

Frank Mackesy stated that the Sheriff's Office has an extensive course on leadership and the development of personnel.

Lanny Russell, Chair of the Police Presence Sub-committee stated they would add training to the technology category.

John Jolly, Chair, Administration of Justice Sub-committee stated he and the other members of the committee, Frank Mackesy, Mike Weinstein and Liaison Howard Maltz, met on Tuesday, January 22, 2008. The sub-committee's aim is to effectively improve the quality of life in Jacksonville by identifying violent juveniles and by trying to rehabilitate these individuals.

Chairman Perez then said this sub-committee will be very data-driven. Frank Mackesy reported that all of the 21 sub sub-committees are requesting data from the Sheriff's Office. Misty Skipper stated there is one contact person on the Mayor's staff to coordinate requests for data from sub groups.

This sub-committee will meet on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at 4 p.m. Misty Skipper stated all sub-committee schedules will be posted by Monday, January 28, 2008.

Bishop Howard, Chair of the Gun Crime sub-committee met with the other members of this group, Ed Hearle, Joe Stelma and Jon Phillips. Mr. Phillips presented an overview of State statistics regarding firearms. The sub-committee is looking at the sentencing provisions as well as bail-setting. This group will meet on Monday, January 28, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. with the anticipation of someone from the District Attorney's Office or the Sheriff's Office on board.

Chairman Perez then said Bishop Howard, a former prosecutor,

brings a lot of experience to the sub-committee.

Joe Henry, Chair of the Safe Schools sub-committee reported that the group is looking at adding other people from the School Board as a resource. Their focus will include school safety plans, the use of technology and school safety at special events.

Frank Mackesy advised that David Kaufman is the contact for the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program.

At this time, Chairman Perez introduced Harry Shorstein, State Attorney. Mr. Shorstein gave a presentation on what he perceives to be the issues impacting his office. A handout provided by Mr. Shorstein included portions of the Matrix Report; statistical data. Information on this presentation can be heard on the recorded minutes posted at www.coj.net.

On behalf of the committee, Chairman Perez thanked Mr. Shorstein for his presentation.

At this time, a request to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2008 Law Enforcement & Deterrence Sub-committee meeting was made by Chairman Perez. Joe Stelma made a motion to approve; Joe Henry seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Misty Skipper announced that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 14, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

Chairman Perez then dismissed the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

2. Action Items

Ed Hearle will provide the committee members with copies of his memorandum to Adam Hollingsworth, dated January 16, 2008, which was read to the committee during the meeting.

3. Discussion Items None

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.