



City of Jacksonville – The Jacksonville Journey

Neighborhood Safety & Stability

MINUTES

OF

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY &

STABILITY

SUB-COMMITTEE

January 29, 2008

The Jacksonville Journey – Neighborhood Safety & Stability

Sub-Committee

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2:30 p.m.

PROCEEDINGS before the Jacksonville Journey – Neighborhood Safety & Stability Sub-Committee taken on Tuesday, January 29, 2008, Edward Ball Building, 8th Floor – 214 N. Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida commencing at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Safety & Stability Committee

Tony Boselli, Chair
Oliver Barakat, Member
John Clark, Member
Charlie Commander, Member
Ronnie Ferguson, Member
Joni Foster, Member
Mark Griffin, Member
Tripp Gulliford, Member
Alberta Hipps, Member
Suzanne Jenkins, Member
Curtis Johnson, Member
A.L. Kelly, Member
Diane Kerr, Member
Tim Lawther, Member
Lisa Moore, Member
Devin Reed, Member
Jim Robinson, Member
Toney Sleiman, Member
Eric Smith, Member
Eddie Staton, Member

APPEARANCES

COMMITTEE CHAIRS & MEMBERS:

TONY BOSELLI, Chair
OLIVER BARAKAT, Member
CHARLIE COMMANDER, Member
RONNIE FERGUSON, Member
JONI FOSTER, Member
ALBERTA HIPPS, Member
SUZANNE JENKINS, Member
CURTIS JOHNSON, Member
A.L. KELLY, Member
DIANE KERR, Member
CHARLES GRIGGS for TIM LAWOTHER, Member
DEVIN REED, Member
JIM ROBINSON, Member
ERIC SMITH, Member

ABSENT MEMBERS:

JOHN CLARK, Member
MARK GRIFFIN, Member
TRIPP GULLIFORD, Member
LISA MOORE, Member
TONEY SLEIMAN, Member
EDDIE STATON, Member

STAFF:

KERRI STEWART
CHAD POPPELL
JENNIFER SAVAGE
STEPHANIE BARNETT
RACHELLE M. SUNDY

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mack Bissette	The Honorable Don Redman, City Council
Louise DeSpain	Mary Beth Ridderman, COJ
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, COJ	W. Earl Kitchings, Sportivation, Inc.
Wight Greger, COJ	James A. Richardson, COJ
Jennifer Holbrook	Steve Rohan, OGC
Betty Holzendorf	Peggy Sidman, OGC
King Holzendorf	Melanie Slocum, Library
Kenny Logsdon, COJ	Rosemary Wesolowski, COJ
Beverly McClain	Carolyn Williams, Library
Mary Kay O'Rourke, HabiJax	Ysryl

PROCEEDINGS

January 29, 2008

Neighborhood Safety & Stability Chair/Committee 2:30 p.m.

Call to Order and Comments. Chair Boselli called the meeting to order at approximately 2:38 p.m.

Purpose of Meeting. Discuss the Mayor's crime initiative - The Jacksonville Journey - Take a Step - Neighborhood Safety & Stability Sub-Committee.

Chairman Boselli welcomed the group and thanked them for their willingness to be in attendance; he then introduced former state Senator and Chair of the Jacksonville Journey Steering Committee Betty Holzendorf. Ms. Holzendorf thanked the committee members for their service. Chairman Boselli introduced Steve Rohan of the City of Jacksonville's Office of the General Counsel. Mr. Rohan gave a presentation on Robert's Rules of Order. Chairman Boselli made a motion to approve the minutes from the Jan. 22, 2008 meeting, which was seconded and approved unanimously with the amendment to list committee members Ferguson and Commander as present, as opposed to absent as the minutes reflected. Chairman Boselli discussed the importance of the Neighborhood Organizing Toolkits and called on Marilyn Fenton-Harmer to discuss the toolkits and how they are dispersed. Chairman Boselli motioned to make the toolkits available to all libraries, churches, community and senior centers, CPACs, SHADCOs and JSO community policing officers. It was seconded and unanimously approved. The

committee then discussed the weather maps of crime provided by Matt White of the JSO. Chairman Boselli then motioned, which was seconded and approved unanimously, to have Matt White enlarge the maps to focus on the top 11 hot spots and request that Matt White provide recommendations for non-policing strategies in each of these areas. Committee member Eric Smith raised the concern that north Jacksonville and the beaches were not represented on the weather map. Chairman Boselli said he presumed that was because those areas had no hot spots but that he would confirm with Matt White. Committee member Curtis Johnson stressed the importance of having neighborhood buy-in in these efforts. Chairman Boselli motioned to ask JSO to give deployment levels, shifts and response times for each of the 11 hot spot neighborhoods, which was seconded and approved unanimously. Chairman Boselli opened discussion on the city's community centers, referencing the maps produced by the city's parks department. Committee members suggested adding parks, schools, and libraries to the map. Committee member Ronnie Ferguson also asked that staffing, budget, programming and attendance for each park and community center be included. Chairman Boselli motioned to approve committee member Eric Smith's recommendation that the committee should urge the City Council to revisit the city's contract with JEA to require a larger annual contribution that could be used to fund crime fighting efforts. An amendment to the motion was made stating that this committee should also work with the Jacksonville Journey Funding committee to address this issue with JEA. The amended motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Chairman Boselli

motioned to approve committee member Eric Smith's recommendation to ask JEA to place a check box on its bills to customers that would allow customers to donate money to go toward Jacksonville Journey anti-crime initiatives. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Chairman Boselli then opened up the floor for public comment. Stanley Scott expressed his disapproval of what he felt is a committee that is not diverse and does not include representatives from grassroots organizations. Ysryl expressed importance of getting positive male mentors for young people. Carolyn Williams highlighted Jacksonville Public Library programs in place that support the committee's work and offered to present to the committee in the future, if they are interested. Earl Kitchings recommended to the committee that they read the study Dr. Michael Hallett prepared called "New Paradigm: A Prosperity Agenda for Fighting Jacksonville Violence." Afterward, committee member Suzanne Jenkins suggested that the committee request a list of all city parks land that has been purchased and not developed. She also suggested that the committee consider the nonprofit community and how it can be helpful in achieving Jacksonville Journey goals. Staff Liaison Kerri Stewart reminded the committee of the Rev. Rivers events later in the week and offered committee members an opportunity to join a new Jacksonville Journey Committee that has formed to address school security. The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

2. Action Items

- Motion to make toolkits available to all libraries,

churches, community and senior centers, CPACs, SHADCOs and JSO community policing officers

- Motion to enlarge the weather maps to focus on top eleven hot spots and request that Mr. White provide recommendations for non-policing strategies in each area
- Motion to ask JSO to give deployment levels, shifts and response times for each of the eleven hot spot neighborhoods
- Motion to ask City Council to revisit the city's contract with JEA to require a larger annual contribution that could be used to fund crime fighting efforts
- Motion for this committee to work with the Funding committee to address this issue with JEA
- Motion to ask JEA to place a check box on its billing to customers that would allow them to donate funds to the Jacksonville Journey anti-crime initiatives

3. Discussion Items

None.

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.