



City of Jacksonville – The Jacksonville Journey

Neighborhood Safety & Stability

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OF

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY &

STABILITY

SUB-COMMITTEE

February 19, 2008

The Jacksonville Journey – Neighborhood Safety & Stability

Sub-Committee

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4:00 p.m.

PROCEEDINGS before the Jacksonville Journey – Neighborhood Safety & Stability Sub-Committee taken on Tuesday, February 19, 2008, Edward Ball Building, 8th Floor – 214 N. Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida commencing at approximately 4:00 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
Charles Griggs, Member
Tripp Gulliford, Member
Alberta Hipps, Member
Suzanne Jenkins, Member
Curtis Johnson, Member
A.L. Kelly, Member
Diane Kerr, 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
CHARLIE COMMANDER, Member
RONNIE FERGUSON, Member
JONI FOSTER, Member
MARK GRIFFIN, Member
TRIPP GULLIFORD, Member
ALBERTA HIPPS, Member
SUZANNE JENKINS, Member
A.L. KELLY, Member
DIANE KERR, Member
DEVIN REED, Member
JIM ROBINSON, Member
ERIC SMITH, Member

ABSENT MEMBERS:

OLIVER BARAKAT, Member
JOHN CLARK, Member
CHARLES GRIGGS, Member
CURTIS JOHNSON, Member
LISA MOORE, Member
TONEY SLEIMAN, Member
EDDIE STATON, Member

STAFF:

CHAD POPPELL
JENNIFER SAVAGE

OTHERS PRESENT:

Frank Brenden
Marilyn Fenton Harmer
Chris Snipes
Vickey Murphy
Troy Cook
Matt White
Mark Bowen
Amanda Pressly
Lakisha Willis
Matt Galnor
Beverly McCoy
Earl Kitchings
Jack Barnette
Shannon Nazworth
Jenna Emmons
Rosemary Weslowksi
James Richardson
Jennifer Holbrook
David Williams
Mary Kay O'Rourke
Wight Greger
Matt Galnor

PROCEEDINGS

February 19, 2008

Neighborhood Safety & Stability Chair/Committee 4:00 p.m.

Call to Order and Comments. Chair Boselli called the meeting to order at approximately 4:05 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 service on the committee. He motioned for approval of the minutes, which was seconded and approved unanimously. Chairman Boselli then gave an overview of a most recent Jacksonville Journey steering committee meeting and the recommendations that he made at the meeting on behalf of the Neighborhood Safety & Security committee. Chairman Boselli then gave a recap of the February 12 Neighborhood Safety & Stability committee meeting including the letter he sent to Mayor Peyton, Council President Davis and Jay Fant, Chair of the JEA's Board of Directors, asking JEA to reconsider its \$7 million allocation for marketing activities over the next five years and to instead put that money toward after-school programming. Committee member Eric Smith requested permission to read a paragraph regarding the "Shot Spotter" technology (information available on www.coj.net). Chairman Boselli said he would pass the information along to the Law Enforcement Committee. Chairman Boselli then announced that

Committee Member Ronnie Ferguson would be heading up a workgroup on crime-free multi-family housing. Mr. Ferguson introduced the members of the workgroup: Joni Foster, Suzanne Jenkins, Charlie Commander, Vickey Murphy, G. Troy Cook, Jack Barnette and Mark Bowen. Mr. Ferguson then outlined the work group's plan, which is available on www.coj.net. Mr. Ferguson asked for recommendations from the committee on specific objectives they'd like to see the workgroup achieve. Those recommendations included: having a member of federal HUD on the work group, adding community meetings to get residents to commit and to keep in mind that just because apartments are low income, that doesn't mean they are all crime ridden. Mr. Ferguson then invited Wight Greger of the city's Housing and Neighborhoods Department to present on that department's efforts, achievements and future plans. Next Mr. Ferguson introduced Mark Bowen who discussed JSO's current efforts in addressing crime in multifamily housing units. Mr. Bowen discussed the "Crime-free Multi-family Housing," a landlord and tenant accountability initiative out of El Paso that JSO is implementing locally. It asks tenants to sign an agreement stating that if they or anyone living at or visiting their apartment is arrested on or near the premises, they will be evicted. Committee members raised the following concerns: that apartment owners won't comply, that residents may be reluctant to turn neighbors in, due process challenges, residents may refuse to sign agreement, putting families on streets, exceptions for felons who have been rehabilitated, expansion of program to include renters of single-family units, and that eviction is based on arrest rather than

conviction. Chairman Boselli thanked Mr. Bowen and the committee members for their comments and said that these concerns will be addressed in the work group meeting. Committee member Alberta Hipps then suggested creating a multifamily housing clean up day to tie in with the city's annual spring clean up, noting the connection between trash/litter and crime. Chairman Boselli then discussed future agenda items, which can be found on the agenda for today's meeting on www.coj.net. Chairman Boselli opened the public comment portion of the meeting and Frank Brenden spoke regarding the importance of street lights and programs for kids, particularly in the Paxon/Biltmore area. Chairman Boselli adjourned the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

2. Action Items

None.

3. Discussion Items

None.

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.