



City of Jacksonville – The Jacksonville Journey

Neighborhood Safety & Stability

MINUTES

OF

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY &

STABILITY

SUB-COMMITTEE

February 26, 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, February 26, 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
Charles Griggs, Member
Tripp Gulliford, Member
Alberta Hipps, Member
Suzanne Jenkins, Member
Curtis Johnson, 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
ALBERTA HIPPS, Member
SUZANNE JENKINS, Member
DEVIN REED, Member
ERIC SMITH, Member

ABSENT MEMBERS:

OLIVER BARAKAT, Member
JOHN CLARK, Member
JONI FOSTER, Member
MARK GRIFFIN, Member
CHARLES GRIGGS, Member
TRIPP GULLIFORD, Member
CURTIS JOHNSON, Member
DIANE KERR, Member
LISA MOORE, Member
JIM ROBINSON, Member
TONEY SLEIMAN, Member
EDDIE STATON, Member

STAFF:

KERRI STEWART
CHAD POPPELL
JENNIFER SAVAGE

OTHERS PRESENT:

Matt Galnor
Frank Brenden
Earl Kitchings
Marilyn Fenton Harmer
Mary Kay O'Rourke
Jenna Emmons
Shannon Nazworth
James Richardson
Jennifer Holbrook
Mack Bissette
Rosemary Wesolowski
Mary Beth Ridderman
Benita Dawson
Davis Williams
Lucille McCoy

PROCEEDINGS

February 26, 2008

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

Call to Order and Comments. Chair Boselli called the meeting to order at approximately 3 p.m.

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

Chairman Boselli called the meeting to order and welcomed the group. Because the meeting was running late, he immediately introduced Matt White of JSO, who presented his recommendations for non-police neighborhood violence reduction efforts. This presentation focused on the Lincoln Court/Venus Mars and Robinson's Addition neighborhoods and is available on coj.net. Some discussed additions to Mr. White's recommendations were: the importance of acting now, including the use of SpotShotter technology, enacting an impact fee for owners of complexes proportionate to their number of calls for JSO service, and taking traffic patterns throughout complexes and surrounding areas into account - all of which Chairman Boselli said would be taken into account at the Crime Free Multi Family Housing work group meeting.

Chairman Boselli said perhaps the workgroup should take a two-prong approach by focusing on enacting Crime Free Multi Family Housing strategies and holding property owners/managers to same expectations we hold private residence owners. Chairman Boselli also said the committee may need to consider focusing its

community center efforts in the Westbrook and Edith B. Ford parks/community centers in the Robinson's Addition area. Mr. White concluded his presentation and Chairman Boselli motioned to approve the minutes from the February 19 committee meeting, which was seconded and they were approved unanimously. Then the chairman opened up the meeting to public comment. Frank Brenden spoke on importance of trash collection. He said many people cannot afford to buy cans or bags, and the city refuses to pick up trash if it is not in a bag or can. He also stressed the importance of offering trades such as wood shop in school, and asked that the city consider a program to supply light bulbs to low-income seniors. Next, Earl Kitchings spoke against the \$1 million grant JSO is receiving to participate in a law enforcement study. He also voiced concerns over proximity of crime to Paxon, Stanton, Darnell Cookman, Shands, the Ritz Theatre, etc. Next, Mary Kay O'Rourke, CEO of HabiJax, gave an overview of her organization and stated its commitment to helping improve high-risk neighborhoods. Lastly, Mack Bissette spoke. He pointed out that many of the city's high-crime complexes, including Eureka Gardens and Lincoln Court, are owned by the same company. He also said that trash is a big problem and suggested the city pick up trash every day for 1 ½ to 2 years in high-risk neighborhoods. After public comment, committee member Suzanne Jenkins asked about the status of the letter to JEA regarding re-directing marketing dollars to youth programs. Kerri Stewart and Chairman Boselli are discussing their response to JEA Board Chair Jay Fant's letter and will keep the board apprised of the situation.

2. Action Items

None.

3. Discussion Items

None.

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.