



City of Jacksonville – The Jacksonville Journey

Neighborhood Safety & Stability

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OF

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY &

STABILITY

SUB-COMMITTEE

March 25, 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, March 25, 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
Michael Edwards, 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
MICHAEL EDWARDS, Member
RONNIE FERGUSON, Member
JONI FOSTER, Member
CHARLES GRIGGS, Member
ALBERTA HIPPS, Member
SUZANNE JENKINS, Member
DIANE KERR, Member
DEVIN REED, Member

ABSENT MEMBERS:

OLIVER BARAKAT, Member
JOHN CLARK, Member
MARK GRIFFIN, Member
TRIPP GULLIFORD, Member (Excused)
CURTIS JOHNSON, Member
LISA MOORE, Member
JIM ROBINSON, Member (Excused)
TONEY SLEIMAN, Member
ERIC SMITH, Member (Excused)
EDDIE STATON, Member

STAFF:

KERRI STEWART
CHAD POPPELL
LYNN RIX

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mack Bissette
Quinn Bledsoe
Kelley Boree
Anna Bradley
Jenna Emmons
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer
Dana Fields-Johnson
Matt Galnor
Derek Igou
W. Earl Kitchings
Beverly McClain
Shannon Nasworth
Mary Kay O'Rourke
Roslyn Phillips
Mary Beth Ridderman
Shorty Robbins
Melissa Ross
Kimberly Scott
Rosemary Wesolowski
David Williams
Pam Wilson

PROCEEDINGS

March 25, 2008

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

Call to Order and Comments. Chairman Boselli called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

Purpose of Meeting. Discuss the Mayor's crime initiative - The Jacksonville Journey - Take a Step - Neighborhood Safety & Stability Sub-Committee. Melissa Ross from the Public Relations Sub-committee and Pam Wilson from the Recreation and Community Services Department of the City of Jacksonville were available to answer questions on their presentation last week. The sub-committee agreed that they like the presentation in principle and would only need to make a few minor changes. Chairman Boselli stated that they would have a public noticed meeting with the appropriate members of the Public Relations Sub-Committee to work out the details.

Charles Griggs then introduced Dana Fields-Johnson of the Duval County Health Department. Ms. Fields-Johnson presented "UNNATURAL CAUSES ...is inequality making us sick?" This is a program to make people aware that poverty, lack of education, stress and racism contribute to poor health. She also showed a clip from a 4-part series by the same name airing on PBS in April.

Q: Can the episodes be accessed through the internet? Only clips are on the internet. The DVD of the series can be purchased.

Q: Can we have the Health Department provide health clinics on a

regular basis at community centers in the "hot spots"? This idea can be investigated.

The next presentation was "Uptown Springfield a Crime-Management Case Study", presented by Mack Bisette of SRG Homes, which showed the police and non-police measures used by that community to decrease crime and revitalize their neighborhood.

Q: Who initiated the changes? The City of Jacksonville began revitalization efforts in 1992. The trash pick up was initiated by community, Mr. Bisette and SPAR.

Q: Why Springfield? 1) People believed in the community. 2) The architectural integrity of the buildings. 3) City initiatives.

Q: How many homes have been renovated? About 50% are either renovated or being renovated.

Q: What's next? The Commercial Corridor Development Group has been formed to address the commercial and market place needs of the community. Need to find true economic demand, i.e. what is missing. Storm water and parking are two of the main issues that need to be addressed for commercial growth.

Q: This is a model for us to look at with other neighborhoods.

The third and final presentation was by David Williams of The Ark Lawn Service. Mr. Williams showed how his company worked with Mr. Bisette to literally clean up Springfield. They went door-to-door providing solid waste information to every resident and then instituted a litter patrol that operated 6 days a week, eventually reducing the amount of littering being done.

All of these presentations can be found on the website at:

<http://www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey/Minutes.htm>

At this time the Chair asked that the meeting be extended to 4:30. All of the members were in agreement with this. The Chair then stated that economic development recommendations could not be formed by the March 27 Steering Committee meeting. Therefore, he would like to form an Economic Development workgroup to develop recommendations for the April 10 Steering Committee meeting. He asked for volunteers. Joni Foster will Chair, Suzanne Jenkins, Alberta Hipps and Charlie Commander will be members. They will also ask Mack Bissette to join them.

The members then turned their attention to the "DRAFT - List of Action Items to be requested by NSS"

Item 1:

Q: Is this tied to item 3, bullet 1? No, this is just to get them open with one year of operating costs, but no programming.

Q: There are so many in the northwest, high crime areas, but even the open ones have such small budgets. Would it be better to open fewer and "robustly" fund them rather than trying to spread the money to all of them and not have as much programming? That's why we need public-private partnerships to help fund programs and supplement the city's budget.

Q: Can we get at least 5 with super robust programming 12 hours a day? There are eight (8) centers in the "hot spots". Two (2) of these are closed. One (1) is a turn-key. The other is a fitness center, not conducive to after-school programs. There are also 7

middle schools with Bridge - Team Up programs. The Positive Youth Development Sub-Committee is working on the programming piece, so we don't want to get too much into that. The Community and Recreation Department wants to provide for recreation and then have partnerships provide the education piece.

Q: Can we make an amendment to add the word 'robust'? Amendment made.

Q: Can we make an amendment to add "parks" to the list of facilities utilized for after-school programs? Amendment made.

Item 2: Passed with minimal discussion.

Item 3:

Q: If all the money is in one pool what will some programs later be shorted?

Q: How do we protect existing programs that are working? If area A is a "hot spot" today, but gets successful programming so that it is no longer a hot spot, will the program money go to area B because now that's the "hot spot"?

Q: What type of program measurement and accountability will be in place when determining who gets money from this one pool?

Q: Can the wording be changed to: "Funding for parks and community centers will be based on outcomes, private leverage and community input"?

Motion and second to strike item 3 in its entirety.

Items 4 through 8 were passed without discussion.

The meeting for Wednesday, March 26 was cancelled as all of the items on the agenda were addressed. The next meeting will be on April 8, 2008 at 2:30.

Item 3 was revisited once again. Three topics emerged: 1) Prioritizing hot spots. 2) Measurement and accountability for programs receiving money. 3) Ensuring that successful programs not lose their funding because they are no longer in a "hot spot". It was decided that the Chair will work with staff to create an action item that addresses all of these concerns. It will be presented to the full sub-committee at the April 8 meeting. Item 8 was then rescinded and restated to include this information.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

2. Action Items

Item 1: Passed unanimously with one (1) amendment. AMENDMENT: The addition of the two (2) words highlighted. "City of Jacksonville should define physical assets in 'hot-spot' areas for use for **ROBUST** after-school and summer programs. Schools (closed or open) should be looked at as a priority with **PARKS**, Community Centers, Churches and other public/private facilities filling in the gaps".

Item 2: Passed unanimously without any amendments.

Item 3: Completely removed item 3. It may be revisited at a later time. Removal of item 3 was passed unanimously.

Item 4: Passed unanimously without any amendments.

Item 5: Passed unanimously without any amendments.

Item 6: Passed unanimously without any amendments.

Item 7: Passed unanimously without any amendments.

Item 8: Passed unanimously without any amendments. After further discussion, this item was rescinded and will be restated to include a re-crafting meeting for item 3. Passed unanimously.

Minutes from the March 18 meeting were approved unanimously.

3. Discussion Items

None.

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.