



**City of Jacksonville – The Jacksonville Journey**

**Positive Youth Development Sub-Committee**

**MINUTES**

**OF**

**POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

**SUB-COMMITTEE**

**March 12, 2008**

# The Jacksonville Journey – Positive Youth Development

## Sub-Committee

February 13, 2008

8:00 a.m.

PROCEEDINGS before the Jacksonville Journey - Positive Youth Development Sub-Committee taken on Wednesday, January 9, 2008, Edward Ball Building, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor - 214 N. Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida commencing at approximately 8:05 a.m.

### Positive Youth Development Committee

Audrey McKibbin Moran, Chair

Joseph Bastian, Member

Betty Burney, Member

James Crooks, Member

Ellis Curry, Member

Bobby Deal, Member

Eddie Diamond, Member

Carolyn Floyd, Member

Maryam Ghyabi, Member

Warren Grymes, Member

Chris Hazelip, Member

Timmy Johnson, Member

Bill Mason, Member

Rashean Mathis, Member

Edgar Mathis, Member

Mac McGehee, Member

Shelton Tarver, Member

Claudette Williams, Member

Wyman Winbush, Member

Chris Wood, Member

George Young, Member

## APPEARANCES

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS & MEMBERS:**

AUDREY MORAN, Chair  
CAROLYN FLOYD, Member  
BOBBY DEAL, Member  
TIMMY JOHNSON, Member  
WARREN GRYMES, Member  
JAMES CROOKS, Member  
WYMAN WINBUSH, Member  
EDGAR MATHIS, Member  
EDDIE DIAMOND, Member  
BILL MASON, Member  
CHRIS HAZELIP, Member  
GEORGE YOUNG, Member  
BETTY BURNEY, Member

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

JOSEPH BASTIAN, Member  
ELLIS CURRY, Member  
MARYAM GHYABI, Member  
RASHEAN MATHIS, Member  
LAWANDA RAVORIA, Member  
SHELTON TARVER, Member  
RASHEAN MATHIS, Member  
MAC MCGEHEE, Member  
SHELTON TARVER, Member  
WYMAN WINNBUSH, Member  
CHRIS WOOD, Member

### **STAFF:**

ROSLYN PHILLIPS  
LINDA LANIER  
KRISTEN KEY BEACH  
STEPHANIE BARNETT

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

G. Norris, JCC  
Leon Braxton, CIS  
Chacarra Berry, Edward Waters College  
Anthony Clark, Edward Waters College  
Tyisha Gould, Edward Waters College  
Kelley Boree, COJ  
Pam Wilson, COJ  
Gretchen Mitchell, COJ  
Bonnie Rose, JFC  
Joyce Brinson, Heart for Children, Inc.  
Felecia Fredericks, PAL  
Reylius Thomson, Chief of Staff @ Edward Waters College

**PROCEEDINGS**

March 12, 2008

Positive Youth Development Sub-Committee

8:00 a.m.

**Call to Order and Comments.** Audrey Moran, called meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

**Purpose of Meeting.** Discuss the Mayor's crime initiative - The Jacksonville Journey - Take a Step - Positive Youth Development Sub-Committee. Also, this meeting is to discuss explanation of recommendation, funding deadlines and adjustment to meeting schedule. Chairwoman Moran welcomed the group and thanked them for their willingness to be in attendance. The minutes to the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

At this time, Chairwoman Moran called on Linda Lanier, Director of the Jacksonville Children's Commission, to discuss the availability, costs and gaps in service for after school and summer programs.

The following topics/information was given by Ms. Lanier:

- There are 50 after school programs currently at area elementary and middle schools.
- The program which JCC funds; "Team Up."
- Middle schools also have their own "Team Up programs not associated with the JCC Team Up program.
- Teachers stay longer to volunteer during after school programs.
- After school programs keep kids safe and help them to

accelerate academically.

- Team Up meets the needs of 20% of the free and reduced lunch students
- JCC is granted 1 million to support summer camps
- There were 5,000 children who attended summer camp last year.
- JCC pays \$300.00 per child for summer camperships. (a summer camp scholarship)

Chairwoman Moran thanked Ms. Lanier for her presentation and invited the committee members to ask questions:

Q - Is there a cost to the kids who attend summer camp?

A - No. Camps are allowed to charge \$10.00 but parents can trade out the cost by volunteering at the camp.

Ms. Lanier - Children in after school programs have consistently, year after year, done better with FCAT grades, attendance and promotions.

At this time, Chairwoman Moran introduced Leon Baxton from Community in Schools. Mr. Baxton spoke more on the Team Up Program. Some of the highlights of Mr. Baxton's presentation are as follows:

Goals of Team Up include increasing student attendance, student promotion rates, improvement of FCAT scores, and provide activities to help children build assets and competencies through Positive Youth Development. Some of the Core areas of Team up are Academic enrichment, parental involvement, and life skills. The program schedule for Team Up is Mon - Fri, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM or 4:30 - 7:00 PM, 155 days during the school year. 100

- 200 students are served daily. The entities who deliver services to Team Up are:

- Community based agencies selected by Duval County Public Schools and JCC
- Certified teacher interviews are conducted by the Principle and CBO staff that is trained in Positive Youth Development. (Trained by JCC)
- Many staff members come from local colleges
- School Resource Officers

The entities that monitor, provide technical assistance and feedback are:

- Jacksonville Children's Commission Program Associates
- Duval County Public schools designated staff monitor and support the academic model
- Youth Advisory Council (feedback)
- Adult Advisory Council (parents/volunteers)

Other key partnerships associated with Team Up are UF & Shands, local colleges, AmeriCorps tutors, Take Stock in Children, 4-H and many other partners.

Chairwoman Moran thanked Mr. Baxton for his presentation. At this time there were a few questions. The audio for this presentation can be found at [www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net)

Next, Chairwoman Moran introduced Bobby Deal, Assistant Chief of Community Affairs. Assistant Chief Deal spoke to the Committee about the Police Athletic League (PAL). Some of the highlights of his presentation are as follows:

- PAL has quality summer camps and exceptional after school programs.
- PAL is partnered with JCC, Parks & Recreation, and City of Jacksonville.
- Scholarships are provided
- Parents have the option to bring a report card in so that PAL can target the kids who are failing. There is an eight week educational program in which kids are tested for dyslexia.
- Nemours Children's Hospital has the Bright Star Program to help kids overcome dyslexia.
- If a child has under a 2.0 GPA, they must under go tutoring before participating in PAL sports programs.
- Action. Not talk is what is needed. Children are falling through the cracks.
- There currently four PAL sites.
- At PAL, children see the human side of police officers
- Kids are used to seeing police officers as the bad guys because they put family members in jail.

To hear the full presentation and Q & A discussion, go to [www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net) to hear the audio.

At this time Chairwoman Moran asked Roslyn Phillips to make her presentation on the Summer Jobs Program.

- 2006 - The Seeds of Change Program started
- The program hires high school students to work in areas of the City of Jacksonville

- The program offers a week of training prior to the students starting.
- JCCC developed training for those supervising the youth called "Mentoring & Supervisory Training."
- There is no funding for the program this year.

Q. How much money is needed?

A. \$900 per student. This includes training and t-shirts and bus passes.

Q. How was the attendance of the students?

A. There were 221 jobs available. 21 students were no-shows. There was 187 total kids participating in 2006- 2007. 100 were return students.

Q. Does the Chamber of Commerce participate as far as a specific amount of jobs?

A. Not specific amount. Chamber of Commerce went out to various businesses to have them hire students as well.

To hear more of this presentation, log onto [www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net) and click on Jacksonville Journey.

Ms. Phillips gave a separate presentation regarding the area Recreational and Community Centers after school and summer programs. Centers are more centralized in the city core areas.

#### Summer Camps

- Charge of \$50 every two week period
- JCCC offers camp scholarships



Club Rec (After school program):

- Mostly recreational activities but also offers homework assistance support
- Age group attending is 6 to 12 years of age

Recreational and Community Services offers a wide variety of programs such as fitness, arts and crafts, karate, dance, and environmental programs.

To hear more on the Recreational & Community Services Jax Park programs, log on to [www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net) and listen to the audio.

At this time Chairwoman Moran invited public comments.

**Public Comments**

Lucy Malese, Edward Waters College: In regards to PAL -

- It is an understatement that kids do not trust JSO.
- We need to figure out how to bring the trust back.
- The media works against us by showing youth running wild and crimes being committed by youth.
- PAL's kids are succeeding.
- Would some of the PAL JSO officers be willing to participate in the non-violent march? Asst. Chief Deal's answer - They would be willing to participate and walk arm and arm with other participants to show unity between the community and JSO.

Raylius Thompson, Chief of Staff @ Edwards College

- Suggestions on after school programs
- Easy to get up on negativity after leaving programs
- Problems start at home

- How can we reach the parents to be a positive influence
- JSO Field Day (JSO vs the community) to show the personality of the officers
- Billboards promoting positivity
- Non violent march - children from PAL can participate.

## 2. Action Items

- Discuss Intramural Sports Program
- Funding of posters
- Charge of posters
- Malison study

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am