



City of Jacksonville – The Jacksonville Journey

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OF

STEERING COMMITTEE &

CHAIRS

March 27, 2008

The Jacksonville Journey – Steering Committee & Chairs

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2:00 p.m.

PROCEEDINGS before the Jacksonville Journey - Steering Committee taken on Thursday, March 27, 2008, Ed Ball Building - 8th Floor; 214 N. Hogan Street; Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida commencing at approximately 2:00 p.m.

Steering Committee & Committee Chairs

Betty Holzendorf - Steering Committee Co-Chair

John Rood - Steering Committee Co-Chair

Ed Austin - Member

Mac Brunson - Member

Toni Crawford - Member

John Delaney - Member

Nat Glover - Member

Hugh Green - Member

Steve Halverson - Member

Dr. Adam Herbert - Member

Pete Jackson - Member

Rev. Rudolph McKissick, Sr.

Jim McMillan - Member

Pam Paul - Member

Gertrude Peele - Member

Steve Wallace - Member

Cleve Warren - Member

Wayne Weaver - Member

John Coxwell - Intervention & Rehabilitation Chair

W.C. Gentry - Education, Truancy, Dropout & Literacy Chair

Paul Perez - Law Enforcement Deterrence Chair

Tony Boselli - Neighborhood Safety & Stability Chair

Tom Petway - Funding Chair

Audrey Moran - Positive Youth Development Chair

Will Ketchum - Public Relations Chair

APPEARANCES

COMMITTEE CHAIRS & MEMBERS:

BETTY HOLZENDORF - Chair	NAT GLOVER – Member
JOHN ROOD - Chair	STEVE WALLACE – Member
W.C. GENTRY – Chair	ED AUSTIN – Member
PAUL PEREZ – Chair	STEVE HALVERSON – Member
WILL KETCHUM – Chair	JIM MCMILLAN – Member
TONY BOSELLI - Chair	WAYNE WEAVER – Member
AUDREY MCKIBBIN MORAN – Chair	HUGH GREENE - Member
	JOHN DELANEY – Member

ABSENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mac Brunson - Member
Dr. Adam Herbert – Member
Rev. Rudolph McKissick, Sr.- Member
Gertrude Peele – Member
Mac Brunson – Member
Toni Crawford – Member
Tom Petway – Chair
Paul Perez – Chair
Pam Paul – Member
Pete Jackson - Member

STAFF:

SUSIE WILES	GINNY WALTHOUR
KANDI BEGUE	KRISTEN BEACH
MISTY SKIPPER	CHAD POPPELL
KERRI STEWART	STEPHANIE BARNETT
ROSLYN PHILLIPS	RACHELLE SUNDY
LINDA LANIER	ANNA BRADLEY
SUSAN PELTER	CAMERON SIPLE

OTHERS PRESENT:

Various Media Representatives

PROCEEDINGS

March 13, 2008

Steering Committee & Committee Chairs

2:00 p.m.

Call to Order and Comments. Chairwoman Holzendorf called the meeting to order at approximately 2:15 p.m.

Purpose of Meeting. Discuss the Mayor's crime initiative - The Jacksonville Journey - Take a Step.

Chairwoman Holzendorf thanked the group for attending the meeting and introduced Bishop Vaughn McLaughlin; according to the order of the Agenda.

Bishop McLaughlin thanked the Chair and the assembled group and began his presentation on the Faith Based Coalition for Jacksonville. (All presentations can be found on the website at www.coj.net; click on the Jacksonville Journey Icon). Bishop McLaughlin noted the theme that has been adopted for this endeavor is "We Must Do Something". He notes that he called on the men in his church (over 500 strong) whom he met with and taught about mentoring and gave them their mission; to go out into the streets and take back the night. He also invited several ministers throughout the City and got them (and their men) involved in this effort (mentoring and tutoring). At this point; he shared with the group his video presentation about the mission. Bishop McLaughlin notes that he is meeting weekly with men of faith; and each week they go out into the streets, praying and asking God for deliverance; assuring the citizens they come in contact with that they will not go away - they will be there to protect them in the

night. He and his men have established a "round-the-clock" effort to help citizens in the Sweetwater and Paxon areas feel better protected and safe. Bishop McLaughlin thanked and commended the Mayor for his recognition of the need and his courage to act and thanked the group for their time and asked if there were questions.

Mayor Peyton noted that we were all inspired by Rev. Rivers - and he feels this community has picked the right person for this job. He notes that Bishop McLaughlin has the full support of his office and the Jacksonville Journey support as well.

Mr. John Coxwell thanked Bishop McLaughlin for his tremendous and inspiring work and asked "What can I, as a citizen, do to help?"

Mr. Wayne Weaver notes that he is offering resources of the Jaguars - with young men for mentoring, etc. He notes they are very good role models for youth and during the off-season, there are probably between 70-80 men who would be available to help. He asked Bishop McLaughlin to come to his office so he can get him in front of the right people.

Chairwoman Holzendorf thanked Bishop McLaughlin and noted that she was his mentor - and he had turned out "very" well!

The meeting was then turned to Mr. Boselli to present the Neighborhood Safety & Stability Sub-Committee recommendations.

Mr. Boselli noted that there is part of his recommendation that would be presented at the April 10th Steering meeting due to lack of time to get the work done...this is for Economic Development. He notes that he feels there should be funds ear-marked specifically for centers and after-school activities. This is part of his

April recommendation for the Steering meeting.

Mr. Boselli then began the overview of his committee's proposal:

Proposal 1 - Define/Assess Community Assets in Zone 1

- 1) Faith Based
- 2) Private Citizens should be challenged
- 3) Local/State/Federal Governments

All should have a part in this endeavor. He notes that after-school programming for our kids is an absolute necessity - 80% of our children do not have anywhere to go after school. He notes that studies have shown that kids are at most risk during the hours of 3 pm and 6 pm.

Proposal 2 - Establish a Jacksonville Journey Task Force

Mr. Boselli notes that Matt White gave a presentation regarding many of the non-police efforts that have actually turned neighborhoods around; common-sense approaches to enhance the lives of citizens in the community. He notes that statistics prove that crime decreased and things were in place in these areas to hold communities together for the long haul.

Proposal 3 - Crime-Free Multi-Family Housing

Mr. Boselli notes that the JSO's Crime-Free Multi-Family Housing program alone would take this community a long way toward the goal of improvement. He notes that the agencies that would need to be involved are:

- 1) City of Jacksonville
- 2) HUD
- 3) JSO Crime-Free Multi-Family Housing Initiative

Mr. Boselli profusely thanked Mr. Ronnie Ferguson for his efforts in Crime-Free Multi-Family Housing initiatives.

Mr. Weaver asked "do most of these communities have any playground facilities?" Mr. Boselli notes that most do; however, the equipment has been found rusted and in disrepair. He further notes that there is usually a "building" central to the community that can be used for gathering the citizens together.

A brief discussion ensued regarding how HUD works and how it funds these communities.

Mr. Boselli noted that the total program cost comes to \$7.3 million.

Chairman Rood thanked Mr. Boselli and his sub-committee for all of their hard work and commended them on their sound recommendations.

Chairman Rood then asked the remainder of the committee chairs to begin their presentations. These can be found on the website at www.coj.net and by clicking on the Jacksonville Journey icon.

Before moving to the sub-committee reports; a vote was taken to accept Mr. Boselli's sub-committee recommendations. The motion was made by Mr. Steve Halverson and seconded by Mayor Ed Austin - all approved; none opposed.

In closing, Chairman Rood reminded the Steering Committee of their next meetings; 4/10 and 4/24 - both to begin at 1:00 pm.

Chairwoman Holzendorf made a request that lunch be provided at both of the next Steering Committee meetings.

As an aside note, Mr. Gentry spoke to the TABOR issue that is set to be voted on Friday in Tallahassee. He notes that he feels members of the Steering Committee should go and represent the

other side of the issue to lawmakers. Chairman Rood asked Mr. Adam Hollingsworth to come forward and provide a brief overview of where we are with this legislation.

Mr. Hollingsworth noted that as of yesterday's meeting, no vote was taken and the issue has been moved to the April 4th agenda. He notes that Mr. Hogan is still amending and he is looking at special taxing districts. He thanked Mr. Gentry for his motion to have members go to Tallahassee and notes that the Governor has not weighed in formally on this issue.

Chairman Rood thanked Mr. Hollingsworth and further noted that the Funding Sub-Committee would be holding it's next meeting on Monday, April 14, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. He then adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:17 p.m.