



# Office of Mayor Lenny Curry

Mayor Elect Lenny Curry  
Blight Transition Subcommittee Meeting  
June 30, 2015  
Jacksonville University, Davis College of Business, Public Policy Institute Room 288, 2800 University  
Boulevard, Jacksonville FL 32211

## IN ATTENDANCE:

The Honorable E Denise Lee, Chairman  
Mr. Ivan Rodriguez, member  
Mr. Chris Hagan, member  
Mr. Paul Astleford, member  
The Honorable Suzanne Jenkins, member  
Mr. Will Torres, member  
Ms. Jackie Perry, member  
Mr. Tripp Gulliford, member  
Mr. Jason Teal, OGC representative  
Ms. Kimberly Scott, SME  
Mr. Jeff Foster, SME  
Ms. Marlene Russell, Staff

## Guest/Visitors:

Jim Robinson  
Karen Walker  
J. Tracey Arpen  
Dayatra Coles  
Caleena Shirley  
Rodney Evans  
LaCree Caswell  
Folks Huxford  
William Brinton

## ABSENT:

Mr. Alex Coley, member  
Ms. Ali Korman Shelton, member (excused)

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Ms. Susan Caven, member (excused)

The meeting came to order at 11:04 a.m., the Honorable Denise Lee opened the meeting and welcomed the subcommittee members and guests.

There was a motion and second to approve the minutes from the June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting – the motion passed.

The subcommittee members request another meeting on Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to come together and make the subcommittee's recommendations.

The following handouts were provided to all subcommittee members:

- #1 Mowing and Landscape Budget Information
- #2 City of Jacksonville Neighborhoods Map
- #3 Ordinances Enacted by City Council
- #4 Planning and Development Department What We Do and What We Don't
- #5 Planning and Development Department Organizational Charts
- #6 Updated List of Sign Contractors – Non-Electrical (NES)
- #7 Updated Landscape Calculations for 220 Riverside Avenue
- #8 Housing and Community Development Division Budget Summary, Organizational Chart, and Housing & Community Development Funding Overview and Process
- #9 CDBG Public Facilities Improvement (PFI) for Last 5 Years
- #10 Housing and Community Development Division 2015-2016 Consolidated Plan Programs (CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG) State Funds (SHIP) Universal Application Process
- #11 William Brinton's Recommendations to the Subcommittee
- #12 William Brinton's written Questions to Planning and Development Department
- #13 Ordinance 2008-593-E
- #14 Neighborhood Map April 1996
- #15 Letter from citizen, provided by the Honorable Suzanne Jenkins

The first presentation was by Jim Robinson. Handout #1 was presented.

The grand total for all budgeted funds for fiscal year 2014-2015 was \$14,658,451.00 for the Mowing and Landscape Maintenance Division (MLMD). As requested by the subcommittee members, Jim Robinson identified which accounts within the MLMD are for the blight. He noted that all division functions of MLMD are for blight; mowing ponds, mowing right-of-way, and trimming trees, all of which are part of blight. The whole budget should be considered for fighting blight.

A subcommittee member asked Jim Robinson what money was allocated to the mowing tasks prior to the blight initiative.

The different mowing and landscaping tasks were embedded in different divisions and there were no individual funding lines just for the mowing tasks. Jim Robinson will find a breakdown and provide it to the subcommittee members. Jim Robinson will provide a list of all employees in MLMD, titles, and salaries to the subcommittee members.

The contractor, Rodney Evans, who holds the prime contract, for the mowing has six subcontractors who are JSEB to maintain the two regions: North and South part of the City of Jacksonville. He asked why he has heard continually over the course of these meeting that the City wants another prime contractor for the mowing. The Honorable Denise Lee directed him to Jim Robinson, Public Works, to discuss the issue.

Folks Huxford presented two handouts. The subcommittee members need the map electronically. Folks will send it. Denise wants the map to show where there is a lack of neighborhood organization and note where there is crime there is no neighborhood organization. Folks Huxford will present the rest of his presentation next meeting.

Housing and Community Development Division presented three handouts: Housing and Community development division (budget/org chart/funding overview); CDBG Public Facilities improvement (PFI) for last 5 years; and a printed power point. A list of what they do and what their current and future plans are was also provided. The subcommittee members asked what the difference between what they provided and the strategic planning they noted as a need for the division.

There was a presentation by Citizen, William Brinton, about the history of the landscape committee and the recommendations that had been made in the past by that committee.

The Honorable Denise Lee conducted a roundtable of the subcommittee members.

The Honorable Suzanne Jenkins spoke on the letter she handed out to the subcommittee members. The Honorable Denise Lee read the letter out loud. The letter was an example of the frustration a citizen expressed about their neighborhood and their neighbor's failure to comply with the City's code compliance.

The meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m.



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# AGENDA

**Date:** June 30, 2015









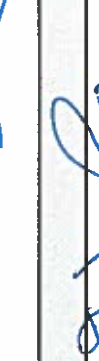






**Time:** 11:00 a.m.

**Committee:** Blight Subcommittee Meeting

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| <b>I. Review &amp; Approval Minutes – 06.25.15</b> | <b>Honorable Denise Lee, Chair</b> |
| <b>II. Mowing and Landscape</b>                    | <b>Jim Robinson, Public Works</b>  |
| <b>III. Community Planning</b>                     | <b>Folks Huxford</b>               |
| <b>IV. Landscape Committee Information</b>         | <b>William Britton</b>             |
| <b>V. New Business</b>                             |                                    |
| <b>VI. Public Comments</b>                         |                                    |
| <b>VII. Adjourn</b>                                |                                    |

# Blight Sub-Committee

June 30, 2015

Name		Signature
The Honorable E Denise Lee	Chair	
Mr. Ivan Rodriguez	Member	
Mr. Chris Hagan	Member	
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Ms. Kimberly Scott	SME	
Mr. Jeff Foster	SME	
Ms. Rena Coughlin	Transition Team	
WILLIAM D. BRINTON	GUEST-CITIZEN	
<b>Guests / Visitors:</b>		
JIM ROBINSON	DAW	
Ravenwalken	Public Library	
Tracey Arpin	Citizen	
Christine Coles	HCDD	
SHIRLEY	HCDD	
RODNEY EVANS	HCDD	
Shirley Caldwell	HCDD	
Folks Auxford	PDD	