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ETHICS COMMISSION

Minutes
Transparency and Open
Government Subcommittee
Tuesday, May 11, 2010
Conference Room 2C
City Hall

SCOTT SHINE
MARY SWART
RHONDA PEOPLES-
WATERS

The Transparency and Open Government Subcommittee meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Rhonda Peoples-Waters at 12:12 p.m.

Attendees: Rhonda Peoples-Waters, Helen Ludwig and Scott Shine

Others in attendance: Carla Miller, Ethics Officer and Susan Stewart, Ethics Coordinator

The Minutes from the March 15, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

Discussion followed regarding the loyalty oaths that were provided at the previous meeting.

A motion was made to place the loyalty oath on Ethics Commission letterhead and have it available for the Ethics Commission. At a later time, send advisories to various elected officials to ensure that they are aware that these oaths are available. The motion carried unanimously. The chair directed Susan to find out if the oath is being sent out and uniformly complied with and if there are any penalties for not taking the oath.

Changes to the Ethics Pledge were discussed:

Item 6. remove "the Six Pillars of Character and insert these principles. Add the www.josephsoninstitute.org

Item 7. remove "Democracy" and "good faith" and insert conscious of respectable conduct and appearances/conduct and add the website www.josephsoninstitute.org. A motion was made to make it available, once completed available to any elected office and have it placed on the Ethics Commission website.

It was suggested that the pledge be available to City Council, Duval Delegation, constitutional officers, candidates and have it available on the Ethics Commission website.

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The subcommittee discussed the awards correspondence and Scott will bring back some suggestions and recommendations for the next meeting.

Scott brought forth an idea as an alternative to many meetings, such as concurrent meetings or subcommittee meetings as a committee as a whole. Discussion followed.

Carla arrived and discussion continued on the ethics pledge and oath and advised about what is in the ethics code. Susan will ask Rachel if the loyalty oath is being sent out in the package and report back.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 9 at noon. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Susan Stewart
Ethics Coordinator

Date of Approval

This is a summary of the meeting and is not a verbatim transcription. A tape recording of these proceedings is available in the Duval Legislative Delegation Office at City Hall

