



Mayor Alvin Brown's Meeting with the CPAC Chairs

City Hall at St. James, Mayor's Conference Room
117 W. Duval St., Jacksonville, FL 32202
Wednesday, April 02, 2014

Meeting Summary

- Welcome and Introductions
 - CPAC Chairs Gloria DeVall (Urban Core), Mike Anania (Greater Arlington/Beaches), Jim Hill (Southeast), John Pittman (Northwest), and Dewey Walker (Southwest)
 - CPAC Vice Chair Rex Neidlinger (North)
 - Mayor Brown, Betzy Santiago, Michelle Barth, Dave Roman, David DeCamp, Angela Spears, Taurean Sinclair, Kenny Logsdon
- Mayor Brown welcomed all of the guests and emphasized that this meeting is meant to encourage open discussions between the citizens and his office.
- Review of the Executive Order was conducted with minimal changes from the DRAFT.
 - Change wording concerning CPACs input in CIP to remove "5-year"
 - Add wording to staffing issue to include "at the Chairs request"
 - Change 2 consecutive years to 3 consecutive years
 - Wording to be adjusted concerning CPAC membership
- Mayor Brown stated that he will sign the Executive Order ASAP and will take it upon himself to make sure ALL elected officials as well as Department heads know and abide by the Executive Order
- Chair Walker expressed concern with the Consolidated Task Force Subcommittee on Neighborhoods, Planning, Infrastructure, and the St. Johns River. He stated that their method of making recommendations did not include any input from any CPAC member and included doing away with CPACs.
- Chair Anania gave a brief timeline of events concerning the subcommittee and stated that the Chairs eventually met with subcommittee Chair Coughlin. The Chairs wrote a letter of recommendation to the full Committee, Mayor's office, all Councilmembers, but did not receive anything back in writing.
 - He stressed concern about staffing the 40 or so Neighborhood Councils when we don't even staff the 6 CPACs currently set up.
- Vice Chair Neidlinger stated that citizens like to hear that there is a direct voice to the Mayor's Office and the CPACs are set up to do just that. He stressed the lack of marketing for the CPACs
- Dave Roman stated that the old Neighborhood Magazine used to promote individual neighborhoods as well as events in each CPAC.

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- Chair Walker had concerns about the lack of staffing, lack of budget, no postage, no resources
- Mayor Brown stated that the CPACs should look into corporations sponsoring events and membership drives. Staff said we would look into how that could be set up.
- David DeCamp is looking into Public Information Fund for funds to be used for marketing; PSA, billboards, etc. (**NOTE:** All of the CPACs recommended DENY for the electronic billboards, therefore use of them for CPAC information should be voted on by the CPAC members.) He stressed need for a unified plan.
- Michelle Barth recommended that each Chair appoint a member in their CPACs to seek out key organizations to recruit interested people. Employee affinity groups and other employee organizations.
- Mayor Brown stated that internships and community service hours could be earned and Chair Hill and Pittman stated that they are already working with the DCPS in a pilot program to make that happen.
- Chair DeVall asked whether CPACs could be included on the Dashboard;
- Mayor Brown heard that the coordinators are overworked from all of the Chairs and re-emphasized that they must prioritize, focus, and be strategic in their efforts. (**NOTE:** Ms. Spencer is working with HR to hire a replacement Human Services Planner so each coordinator would go back to only having 2 CPACs)
- Sunshine Laws were discussed and David DeCamp shared the contact information of Alexis Lambert, who is an expert on the subject matter, for another briefing (Kenny can help coordinate).
- Chair Anania asked how CPACs can be more involved with policy and CIP priority determination.
- Mayor Brown discussed how various committees should be limited in size and board members need to be informed and held accountable. This also applies to CPACs and their members.
- The meeting concluded with the CPAC Chairs asking to meet quarterly. Budget is coming up and they would like to take part.

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