



City of Jacksonville – Jacksonville *Journey*

MINUTES

Of

Jacksonville *Journey* Oversight Committee

December 4, 2014

PROCEEDINGS before the Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee taken on Thursday, December 4, 2014, Ed Ball Building, 214 North Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, commencing at 4:06 p.m.

Committee Members

Curtis Hart, Chairman
Ricardo Bedoya, Member
Terrance Freeman, Member
Charles Griggs, Member
Betty Holzendorf, Member
Tracy Tousey, Member
James Campbell, Member
Rory Diamond, Member

Alvin Brown, Mayor
E. Denise Lee, Council Liaison
David Roman, Committee Staff
Taurean Sinclair, Committee Staff



Committee Attendees

Curtis Hart, Chairman
Ricardo Bedoya, Member
James Campbell, Member
Terrance Freeman, Member
Charles Griggs, Member
Betty Holzendorf, Member

David Roman, Committee Staff
Taurean Sinclair, Committee Staff

Committee Members Not Attending

Tracy Tousey, Member
Rory Diamond *(did not receive notice of meeting)

Alvin Brown, Mayor
E. Denise Lee, Council Liaison



Proceedings:

Chairman Curtis Hart called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. He stated for the record that a quorum was present.

1. Approval of Last Month's Meeting Minutes

Chairman Hart called for a copy of the June 19, 2014 and August 20, 2014 meeting minutes to be presented. Charles Griggs made the motion to accept the minutes with Terrance Freeman making the second. With no changes the minutes were approved as presented.

2. Teen Court Presentation by Mr. Lawrence M. Hills Jr.

Mr. Hills thanked the Jacksonville Journey for their support for the Teen Court program. He gave a brief overview of the program and the accomplishments of the program from the report that was shared with the Committee. He also shared with the Committee a scrapbook showing accomplishments of the program.

Mr. Hill then introduced Mr. Antonio Goodson, a Raines Senior, who is a graduate of the program and was in a Folio Weekly article which was shared with the Committee. Mr. Goodson told how the program has helped him establish goals for his life as he plans to attend barber school, earn money and then go to Merchant Seaman's School. A number of Committee members asked questions to which he shared that he has more self esteem, does not associate with old friends and has shared what the program has done for him.

3. City Council Budget Issues – Dave Roman

The Teen Court Program is not a separate line item in the Budget but is included in the line item of the Ex-Offender Training Program. Paperwork is being processed so that the funds can be moved into a line item of its own; however, this will be a 6- week process because it will need to go before City Council in January to have the \$55,560.00 separated out so that this will not have to be done for the 2016 Fiscal Budget.

4. Potential Program – Taurean Sinclair

Mr. Sinclair would like to present a two (2) part project with the first being a ½ day summit with Non profits who specialize in ex-offender/re-entry programs so that there can be a discussion about best practices and how to improve the programming that is being supported by the Journey. Out of this discussion would come a reshaping of the RFP's that the City will be putting out to bid for this next year for these programs.



The second part of the request is to present a project for a Reporting Center for level 2 offenses so that instead of being incarcerated, the child would be put into a 90-day program where he would report to the Reporting Center after school for counseling and training. He would like to use the one (1) month of ATOSS funds that are not being used because ATOSS was delayed starting for one month (\$62,000). Mrs. Betty Holzendorf questioned if they would face incarceration after completing the 90-day program or if when they faced the judge would a successful completion of the program be a consideration in their sentence. There was additional conversation regarding this matter

Mrs. Holzendorf made a motion that the Committee set aside the \$62,000 funding for the program providing that this be the seed money if they can make this a true diversion program. Second was made by James Campbell.

Discussion was had regarding Ferguson and New York and how the Committee needs to look at programs as to how they are addressing the issues. Chairman Hart mentioned how he has spoken with all the candidates for Sheriff and their feelings on the matter.

5. Motion to Adjourn – Chairman Curtis Hart

Chairman Hart expressed that this was his last meeting on the Committee as his term was up and that he had enjoyed working with the Committee. With that note he adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m. Dave Roman also verified with the Committee that they still wish to meet quarterly.