

BJP Citizens Oversight Committee Quarterly Meeting 10-21-03 Meeting Minutes

Chair Ron Salem called the meeting to order at approximately 5:15 p.m.

Mr. Salem imparted his view of the role and importance of the Citizens Oversight Committee (COC.) Discussion followed regarding how the Plan was progressing and whether the projects would be finished in the time allowed. Discussion continued on the overpass issue and whether the items in the Plan as voted would or should be changed. Several members opined that the Plan should proceed as voted on by the residents of Jacksonville, and that the Council override provision was intended for only extreme circumstances.

Members specifically inquired about the schedule of the overpasses. Interim COO Lynn Westbrook explained no schedule had been laid out yet, and that JTA had not even begun study on some of the interchange areas.

Mayor Peyton arrived and thanked the committee for their patience. The Mayor presented the Quarterly Report and highlighted key accomplishments over the last quarter.

Mr. Salem opened the floor to questions and comments:

Comment: Paving on College Street was done poorly and there appeared to be problems with the sidewalks, particularly where there is a handrail.

Response: Mr. Westbrook advised that section of College maintained by FDOT.

Q: When are the signs for the resurfacing supposed to be removed? There were several left in the area of Normandy Boulevard between Cassatt and Lakeshore.

A. The signs are supposed to be picked up as the crew leaves the area. The area superintendent will be notified of abandoned signs.

BJP ACTION: Signs have been removed.

Q: What is the paving schedule for Pearl Street between 8th and 48th Streets?

A. Uncertain due to the area being on hold by JEA for major infrastructure improvements.

Comment: Noticed that on the Westside, a lot of resurfaced roads have been torn up again. Seaboard Avenue in particular has been torn up three times to fix a pipe. Also, the sidewalk has needed redone because of the mail trucks driving on it. Streets should be done correctly the first time.

Comment: Sidewalk on Attleboro was put down over roots in two places.

BJP ACTION: BJP does not remove roots with sidewalk installation. The sidewalk on Attleboro was inspected and approved as meeting specification.

The Mayor thanked the Citizens Oversight Committee and invited them to continue to contact him with their questions and comments. The meeting was adjourned.