



City of Jacksonville – The Jacksonville Journey

Neighborhood Safety & Stability

MINUTES

OF

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY &

STABILITY

SUB-COMMITTEE

March 11, 2008

The Jacksonville Journey – Neighborhood Safety & Stability

Sub-Committee

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2:30 p.m.

PROCEEDINGS before the Jacksonville Journey – Neighborhood Safety & Stability Sub-Committee taken on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, Edward Ball Building, 8th Floor – 214 N. Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida commencing at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Safety & Stability Committee

Tony Boselli, Chair
Oliver Barakat, Member
John Clark, Member
Charlie Commander, Member
Michael Edwards, Member
Ronnie Ferguson, Member
Joni Foster, Member
Mark Griffin, Member
Charles Griggs, Member
Tripp Gulliford, Member
Alberta Hipps, Member
Suzanne Jenkins, Member
Curtis Johnson, Member
Diane Kerr, Member
Lisa Moore, Member
Devin Reed, Member
Jim Robinson, Member
Toney Sleiman, Member
Eric Smith, Member
Eddie Staton, Member

APPEARANCES

COMMITTEE CHAIRS & MEMBERS:

TONY BOSELLI, Chair
CHARLIE COMMANDER, Member
MICHAEL EDWARDS, Member
RONNIE FERGUSON, Member
JONI FOSTER, Member
CHARLES GRIGGS, Member
ALBERTA HIPPS, Member
SUZANNE JENKINS, Member
CURTIS JOHNSON, Member
DIANE KERR, Member
DEVIN REED, Member
JIM ROBINSON, Member
TONEY SLEIMAN, Member
ERIC SMITH, Member

ABSENT MEMBERS:

OLIVER BARAKAT, Member
JOHN CLARK, Member
MARK GRIFFIN, Member
TRIPP GULLIFORD, Member
LISA MOORE, Member
EDDIE STATON, Member

STAFF:

KERRI STEWART
CHAD POPPELL
JENNIFER SAVAGE

OTHERS PRESENT:

Marguerite Johnson
Beverly McClain
Thom Stephenson
Jennifer Holbrook
Kim Scott
Matt Galnor
Mack Bissette
Mary Kay O'Rourke
Jenna Emmons
Melissa Ross
David Williams
Mary Beth Ridderman
Rosemary Wesolowski

PROCEEDINGS

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Neighborhood Safety & Stability Chair/Committee

2:30 p.m.

Call to Order and Comments. Chair Boselli called the meeting to order at 2:48 p.m.

Purpose of Meeting. Discuss the Mayor's crime initiative - The Jacksonville Journey - Take a Step - Neighborhood Safety & Stability Sub-Committee.

Chairman Boselli called the meeting to order and announced that Director Michael Edwards of JSO would be replacing Director Kelly on the subcommittee. Chairman Boselli then asked Ronnie Ferguson to give an update of the activities of the Crime-Free Multi-Family Housing Work Group, of which he is chair. Mr. Ferguson gave an overview of the group's activities, which can be found on coj.net. Mr. Ferguson said that the group is in support of JSO's Crime-Free Multi-Family Housing program. Chairman Boselli asked for a list of apartment communities that have been notified of the program but have not signed up, which Dir. Edwards said he would provide at the next subcommittee meeting. Chairman Boselli opened the floor for the subcommittee members to make recommendations to the work group. Ms. Hipps stated that she felt the crime-free multi-family housing recommendations must have "teeth" in order to have an impact, and Chairman Boselli agreed. Mr. Johnson said that tenant organizations should be encouraged to establish crime watches, which Mr. Ferguson said is part of the work group's recommendations. Chairman Boselli then introduced Matt White of JSO to present on "A Systematic Approach to Non-Police Crime Interventions," which is available at coj.net. Some issues raised

by the committee in response to Mr. White's presentation were: the importance of gating communities and staffing those gates w/ security personnel, installing cameras in complexes, adopting the Shot Spotter technology, and that the costs of additional security measures may be passed to tenants. Subcommittee member Charles Griggs said the group must focus on changing the environment of these neighborhoods, not just stepping up law enforcement - and that it may include providing incentives to property owners to do so. Subcommittee member Toney Sleiman suggested housing JSO substations in high-crime complexes. Chairman Boselli said the ultimate vision for each of the 11 hot spots would be to couple city and non-police measures with police measures. Subcommittee member Edwards said the city and JSO work together in this way as part of the DART program and expect the relationship to get closer as the Crime-Free Multi-Family Housing program is rolled out. At the close of the meeting, subcommittee member Robinson suggested that the group take a more focused approach, which was echoed by subcommittee member Devin Reed who said perhaps the group should focus its efforts in one to three small areas to make a strong impact, then move to the next area. Chairman Boselli then moved to approve the minutes from the Feb. 26 meeting, which was seconded and they were approved unanimously. The chairman called for public comment and there was none. The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

2. Action Items

None.

3. Discussion Items

None.

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.