



City of Jacksonville – The Jacksonville Journey

Neighborhood Safety & Stability

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NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY &

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SUB-COMMITTEE

March 18, 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 18, 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
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MARK GRIFFIN, Member
CHARLES GRIGGS, Member
ALBERTA HIPPS, Member
SUZANNE JENKINS, Member
DIANE KERR, Member
JIM ROBINSON, Member
ERIC SMITH, Member

ABSENT MEMBERS:

OLIVER BARAKAT, Member
JOHN CLARK, Member
JONI FOSTER, Member
TRIPP GULLIFORD, Member
CURTIS JOHNSON, Member
LISA MOORE, Member
DEVIN REED, Member
TONEY SLEIMAN, Member
EDDIE STATON, Member

STAFF:

CHAD POPPELL
LYNN RIX

OTHERS PRESENT:

Matt Galnor
Pam Wilson
Quinn Bledsoe
Melissa Ross
Jenna Emmons
Mary Kay O'Rourke
Mary Beth Ridderman
Rosemary Wesolowski
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer
Nathan Riska
Roslyn Phillips

PROCEEDINGS

March 18, 2008

Neighborhood Safety & Stability Chair/Committee 2:30 p.m.

Call to Order and Comments. Mayoral Staff Chad Poppell called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m. Chairman Boselli arrived shortly thereafter.

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

Mr. Poppell introduced Melissa Ross from the Public Relations Sub-committee. She presented Friends of the Park - Moving Forward, an existing program that needs more exposure. The presentation may be viewed at:

<http://www.coj.net/NR/rdonlyres/ervfvlub7cie6236hpooyhgkq2lf47sr7ixj6xgqx2x2o2akvzgx3efjkahksmrljbtvemrtr4dzcb7xmefzoq65cf/Presentation+Neighborhood+031808.pdf>

Chairman Boselli liked the overall concept, especially increasing public awareness about the need to give to the parks, but there are some things he would like to change. For instance, he does not want another 501c created and he believes that only "hot spot" parks just be included. He charged the sub-committee to read through the presentation and pick it apart for the next meeting. It was noted that a 10-year commitment from corporations is a good idea so that the funding continues even when it is no longer a "hot topic". Another committee member suggested some of the volunteer hours could come from high school students.

The main focus of the meeting was the presentation of Crime-Free Multi-Family Housing (CFMFH) proposal by Ronnie Ferguson's workgroup. The original and revised proposals can be found at:

<http://www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey/Minutes.htm>

It was decided to go through each section of the proposal, make any amendments and then vote to accept the section as read or as amended. The results of this process are in the Action Items section of the minutes.

Q. What type of incentives is going to be offered? Help with crime-preventing improvements such as lighting or legible signage and complex maps to help JSO respond more efficiently. This will be for complexes who truly need the help to become certified.

Q. In subsection I, Recommendations to the City and HUD, where is the evicted person going? Will this just relocate crime? The goal of the program is to correct criminal behavior or drive out those who refuse to be law-abiding citizens.

Q. What recourse will a tenant have if they are evicted for a criminal act a guest committed unbeknownst to them? They can appeal to the tenant's association.

Q. Can liens be placed on these property for fines owed? Yes, although the difficulty may lie in that many are HUD financed. Still liens can be placed behind the mortgages.

Q. What's to prevent pass through of liens to tenants? There is nothing to prevent property owners from raising rent, other than at some point tenants will not be able to pay higher rents, especially if they can go to a certified crime-free property for

the same or less rent. The intent of the program is to encourage and enable property owners to be crime-free, which in the long run is more profitable to them.

Q. In subsection III, Property Management, bullet 3 - where are we on this database? A non-profit group with JSO is working on this.

Q. The third bullet under Resident Services, where is the money for this. Jacksonville Housing Commission (JHC) has money for these programs. Chairman Boselli would like some real life examples of these resident services at the next meeting.

Q. Is there a funding piece to this proposal? There are no significant funding issues in the proposal. The JSO training of \$30,000 is available from CrimeStoppers if JSO asks.

Q. When are we going to address economic development in these areas? Kerri Stewart is working with Toney Sleiman to have those issues addressed.

Kerri Stewart will work with Eric Smith to draft a letter to the Law Enforcement and Deterrence Sub-Committee chair, Paul Perez.

Ronnie Ferguson wished to express gratitude to all of the staff for their help, but especially to Jennifer Savage who worked very hard with their workgroup.

Chairman Boselli then moved to approve the minutes from the March 11 meeting, which was seconded and they were approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

2. Action Items

Subsection I - Recommendations to the City and HUD - passed unanimously with one (1) amendment. AMENDMENT: Make completion of a HUD workshop a requirement to receive incentives.

Subsection II - Recommendations to property owners - passed unanimously without any amendments.

Subsection III - Implement Crime Prevention through Environmental Design strategies - passed unanimously with one (1) amendment.

AMENDMENT: JHC will coordinate with Federal HUD, Jacksonville Housing Authority (JHA) and JSO to provide comprehensive training for property managers.

Subsection IV - Recommendations to JSO - passed unanimously with two (2) amendments. AMENDMENT 1: Strongly recommend high deployment of JSO officers in high-crime neighborhoods during peak hours of criminal activity. AMENDMENT 2: Develop measurable goals to sustain the program.

Acceptance of full proposal with above-noted amendments was passed unanimously.

3. Discussion Items

None.

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.