



City of Jacksonville – The Jacksonville Journey

MINUTES

OF

STEERING COMMITTEE &

CHAIRS

March 13, 2008

The Jacksonville Journey – Steering Committee & Chairs

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2:00 p.m.

PROCEEDINGS before the Jacksonville Journey - Steering Committee taken on Thursday, March 13, 2008, Ed Ball Building - 8th Floor; 214 N. Hogan Street; Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida commencing at approximately 2:10 p.m.

Steering Committee & Committee Chairs

Betty Holzendorf - Steering Committee Co-Chair

John Rood - Steering Committee Co-Chair

Ed Austin - Member

Mac Brunson - Member

Toni Crawford - Member

John Delaney - Member

Nat Glover - Member

Hugh Green - Member

Steve Halverson - Member

Dr. Adam Herbert - Member

Pete Jackson - Member

Rev. Rudolph McKissick, Sr.

Jim McMillan - Member

Pam Paul - Member

Gertrude Peele - Member

Steve Wallace - Member

Cleve Warren - Member

Wayne Weaver - Member

John Coxwell - Intervention & Rehabilitation Chair

W.C. Gentry - Education, Truancy, Dropout & Literacy Chair

Paul Perez - Law Enforcement Deterrence Chair

Tony Boselli - Neighborhood Safety & Stability Chair

Tom Petway - Funding Chair

Audrey Moran - Positive Youth Development Chair

Will Ketchum - Public Relations Chair

APPEARANCES

COMMITTEE CHAIRS & MEMBERS:

BETTY HOLZENDORF - Chair	NAT GLOVER – Member
JOHN ROOD - Chair	TONI CRAWFORD – Member
W.C. GENTRY – Chair	STEVE WALLACE – Member
PAUL PEREZ – Chair	PETE JACKSON – Member
WILL KETCHUM – Chair	ED AUSTIN – Member
TONY BOSELLI - Chair	CLEVE WARREN – Member
AUDREY MCKIBBIN MORAN – Chair	NAT GLOVER - Member
TOM PETWAY - Chair	PAM PAUL – Member

ABSENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mac Brunson - Member
Dr. Adam Herbert – Member
John Coxwell - Chair
Rev. Rudolph McKissick, Sr.- Member
Wayne Weaver – Member
Steve Halverson – Member
Hugh Greene – Member
Steve Wallace – Member
Jim McMillan – Member
John Delaney – Member
Gertrude Peele – Member
Mac Brunson - Member

STAFF:

SUSIE WILES	RACHEL DAVIS
KANDI BEGUE	GINNY WALTHOUR
MISTY SKIPPER	KRISTEN BEACH
RENEE BRUST	CHAD POPPELL
KERRI STEWART	STEPHANIE BARNETT
ROSLYN PHILLIPS	RACHELLE SUNDY
LINDA LANIER	ANNA BRADLEY
SUSAN PELTER	CAMERON SIPLE

OTHERS PRESENT:

Connie Stophel – Education Sub-Committee
Tom Majdanics – Education Sub-Committee
Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Lucretia Williams – Education Sub-Committee

PROCEEDINGS

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Call to Order and Comments. Chairman Rood called the meeting to order at approximately 2:10 p.m.

Purpose of Meeting. Discuss the Mayor's crime initiative - The Jacksonville Journey - Take a Step.

Chairman Rood began the meeting at approximately 2:10 pm, by extending a welcome to the committee assembled, and noting the housekeeping items. Chairman Rood then directed the group to the Agenda and asked W.C. Gentry to present the Education, Truancy, Dropout & Literacy Sub-Committee recommendations. This presentation can be found on the website at www.coj.net; click on the Jacksonville Journey icon; on the left side of the page, click on Meetings, Agendas and Minutes.

Upon completion of his report, Mr. Gentry asked if the committee members had questions about the sub-committee recommendations; however, prior to this move, Chairwoman Holzendorf made a motion to accept the sub-committee report. Discussion ensued about the procedure that should be followed within the Steering Committee - should the documents be accepted first and discussed/prioritized afterward? Mr. Steve Rohan notes that this committee would take some action and then move the recommendations to the Funding Sub-Committee.

Chairwoman Holzendorf noted that she was not at a point where she felt the committee should vote, she felt that the recommendations

should be reviewed - she noted that she didn't want to limit the other committees. Former Mayor Ed Austin noted that he wasn't sure a vote could be taken until all of the other committee recommendations had been received.

A motion was made to receive the report; seconded by Mr. Cleve Warren and carried unanimously throughout the committee.

Chairman Rood thanked Mr. Gentry and his sub-committee members for their outstanding work and comprehensive report of recommendations. Chairwoman Holzendorf also commented on the very comprehensive and well written report and noted that during this entire process, we must not forget the most important action - bring the parents/family front and center in this process. She notes that we must find a way to connect with the parents.

Chairman Rood then asked Superintendent Ed Pratt-Dannals to address the committee. Superintendent Pratt-Dannals thanked the group for allowing him time to speak; he noted that this budget year will be the worst in the past 31 years. They have a \$90 million budget cut that they must make; this means that many of his staff will lose their jobs. Chairwoman Holzendorf asked the Superintendent how Amendment 1 affected the budget...he notes that it equates to about \$6 million over 4 years. The Superintendent notes that there are two ways we can help: 1) Help engage parents more effectively; and 2) Move from 3,000 mentors to 20,000 mentors for children. Encourage major business and faith based organizations to get involved in the mentoring piece of the puzzle. Chairman Rood thanked the Superintendent and then asked Adam Hollingsworth of the Mayor's Office to discuss the Florida

Tax and Budget Reform information.

Mr. Hollingsworth gave a brief overview of Mike Hogan's proposal to cap our revenues. A copy of this documentation can be found on the website. Mr. Hollingsworth notes that he had spoken with Mr. Hogan earlier in the day and Mr. Hogan expressed an interest in working with the City. Mr. Hollingsworth also noted that the City Council President had also been briefed on Mr. Hogan's proposal and they are going to work toward a resolution by their March 25th meeting.

Members of the Steering Committee discussed the impact to the City and made a motion to have City Council take a strong and immediate stand against this proposal - motion was seconded by Mayor Austin. The group discussed the need for an emergency meeting of the City Council - this was motioned and seconded by the committee. Mr. Petway (Chairman of the Funding Sub-Committee); noted that he and Mr. Thrasher are taking a strong stand to defeat this proposal. He notes that if the committee has connections with people who might be able to make an influence, they should be called.

Chairwoman Holzendorf made a motion to create a letter from the Steering Committee and invite Mike Hogan to the committee for a discussion; the motion was seconded and carried by the committee. Mr. Petway asked the group to forward the names of the people committee members would be calling to him; Mr. Hollingsworth notes that prior to the calls being made, he can provide the "back-story" on each person. Mr. Petway noted that Mr. Hollingsworth would be the point person for this project.

Chairman Rood thanked the group and adjourned the meeting at

approximately 4:50 p.m.