



**City of Jacksonville – The Jacksonville Journey**

**Positive Youth Development Sub-Committee**

**MINUTES**

**OF**

**POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

**SUB-COMMITTEE**

**January 23, 2008**

# The Jacksonville Journey – Positive Youth Development

## Sub-Committee

January 23, 2008

8:00 a.m.

PROCEEDINGS before the Jacksonville Journey - Positive Youth Development Sub-Committee taken on Wednesday, January 23, 2008, Edward Ball Building, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor - 214 N. Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida commencing at approximately 8:05 a.m.

### Positive Youth Development Committee

Audrey McKibbin Moran, Chair

Joseph Bastian, Member

Betty Burney, Member

James Crooks, Member

Ellis Curry, Member

Bobby Deal, Member

Eddie Diamond, Member

Carolyn Floyd, Member

Maryam Ghyabi, Member

Warren Grymes, Member

Chris Hazelip, Member

Timmy Johnson, Member

Mary Langowski, Member

Bill Mason, Member

Rashean Mathis, Member

Edgar Mathis, Member

Mac McGehee, Member

Shelton Tarver, Member

Claudette Williams, Member

Wyman Winbush, Member

Chris Wood, Member

George Young, Member

## APPEARANCES

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS & MEMBERS:**

AUDREY MCKIBBIN MORAN, Chair  
JAMES CROOKS, Member  
BOBBY DEAL, Member  
EDDIE DIAMOND, Member  
CAROLYN FLOYD, Member  
MARYAM GHYABI, Member  
WARREN GRYMES, Member  
TIMMY JOHNSON, Member  
EDGAR MATHIS, Member  
WYMAN WINBUSH, Member  
GEORGE YOUNG, Member  
BETTY BURNEY, Member  
MARY LANGOWSKI, Member

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

JOSEPH BASTIAN, Member  
ELLIS CURRY, Member  
CHRIS HAZELIP, Member  
BILL MASON, Member  
RASHEAN MATHIS, Member  
MAC MCGEHEE, Member  
LAWANDA RAVORIA, Member  
SHELTON TARVER, Member  
CLAUDETTE WILLIAMS, Member  
CHRIS WOOD, Member

### **STAFF:**

ROSLYN PHILLIPS  
LINDA LANIER  
KRISTEN KEY BEACH  
STEPHANIE BARNETT  
RACHELLE M. SUNDY

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Doug Murr, Character First  
Gretchen Mitchell, JPL  
Laura Kline, JPL  
Dr. Jackson, JCCI  
Tia Mitchell, Florida Times-Union

**PROCEEDINGS**

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Positive Youth Development Sub-Committee

8:00 a.m.

**Call to Order and Comments.** Chair Moran called the meeting to order at approximately 8:05 a.m.

**Purpose of Meeting.** Discuss the Mayor's crime initiative - The Jacksonville Journey - Take a Step - Positive Youth Development Sub-Committee.

Chairwoman Moran welcomed the committee and reviewed the format of the meeting, which is Mentoring and Volunteerism; and noted a few housekeeping items; overview of Sunshine Laws as it relates to side-bar conversations before and after each committee meeting; speaking clearly into a microphone and stating your name prior to speaking. She noted that the group was unable to have a spokesperson from Pinellas County to speak to their mentoring program; but she did ask Ms. Linda Lanier, Director of the Jacksonville Children's Commission to address the committee on the topic at hand - the State of the Child. Ms. Lanier's presentation can be found at the website; [www.coj.net](http://www.coj.net). Some of the key points in the presentation included discussion about Positive Stress - which occurs in meeting new people, 1<sup>st</sup> day of school, etc.; Tolerable Stress which occurs when affected by the death or loss of a parent; large wide-spread losses that may occur in a natural disaster (i.e., Hurricane Katrina); and Toxic Stress, which occurs as a prolonged, persistent activation of the stress hormones (i.e., child abuse or neglect; pre-natal depression of the mother;

family/neighborhood violence; etc.). It has been noted that the more words a child hears, the more receptors are open in the brain, which increases learning capacity. Chairwoman Moran thanked Ms. Lanier and asked the committee if there were any questions:

Q. Are there any mentoring programs for mothers? It was suggested that the Internet could be of some help.

Q. Does the Chamber of Commerce have mentoring programs for parents? Unknown, but worth asking the question. It as further noted that there is a company in Jacksonville, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, which has a very effective mentoring program for their employees, and the model is worth taking a look at and possibly having Mr. Mike Cascone speak to the committee about the program success.

Q. An ongoing question is "What is the Recreation Department doing for positive youth development", "What programs does Recreation have in place for youth".

Chairwoman Moran thanked the group for their comments and directed the committee to begin looking at possible recommendations that could be taken to the Steering Committee. It was noted that a good recommendation would be having the Mayor lead a "super bowl" style program, much like he did for Rally Jacksonville and the book clubs for the mentoring program to fill the gap between 3,500 mentors and 45,000 children in need of mentors.

Chairwoman Moran adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:30 am.

## **2. Action Items**

**Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.**