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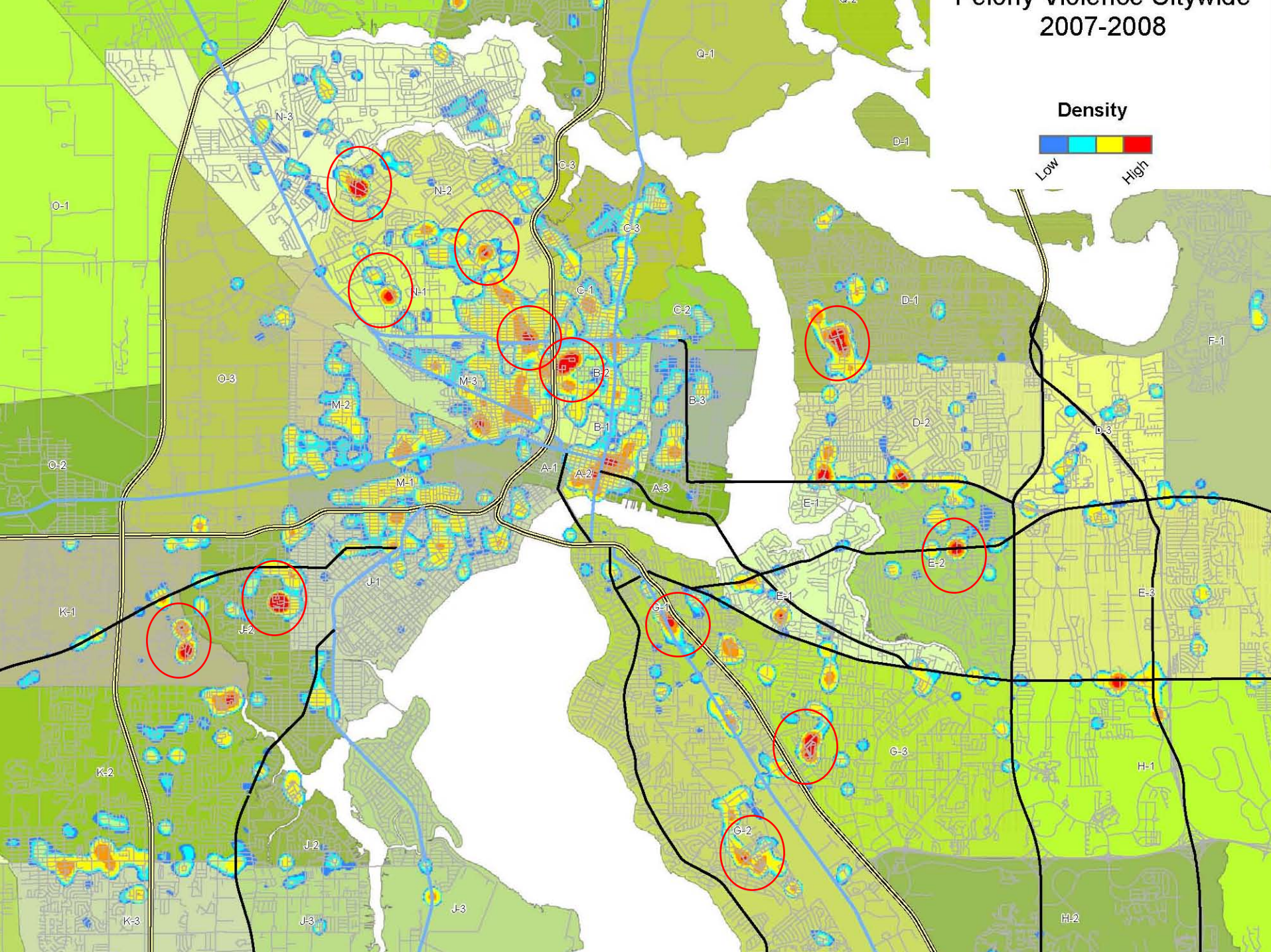
Neighborhood Safety and Stability

Tony Boselli

Status Summary

- **The Neighborhood Safety and Stability Committee (NSS) has completed its work with the exception of recommendations for neighborhood-based economic development. We will provided an addendum to our recommendations at the next Steering Committee meeting.**
- **Recommendations and implementation strategies were derived with much input from the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Crime Analysis Unit.**
- **References to 'hot-spots' are based on the following map:**

Felony Violence Citywide 2007-2008



Proposed Project 1: Define and assess Community assets in 'hot-spot' areas

- **City of Jacksonville should define physical assets in 'hot-spot' areas for use for after-school and summer programs. Schools (closed or open) should be looked at as a priority with Community Centers, Libraries, Churches and other public/private facilities filling in the gaps. Facilities should be used as leverage to attract non-government partners for capital and programming needs.**
- **City of Jacksonville should locate property (raw land, existing commercial/industrial structures, abandoned properties school facilities) for building/retrofitting as a gymnasium/multi-use facility. Hot spot areas should be given priority.**
- **Recommendation was made that the goal should be for all public facilities to have public, private and neighborhood components for operations and programming for maximum \$\$ and other resource leveraging.**

Budget:

Total program cost:

- ~ **\$5M**: The costs of the capital and programming needed will vary by site. The committee is proposing an additional \$5M be added to the City's current \$2.5M budget for Community Center operations and programming. The 'new' funding would be specifically for children's/adolescent programming (currently, part of the City's current \$2.5M budget goes towards Senior and general-public programming).
- **Amount of capital investment: ~\$1M** – these dollars would be used to rehabilitate/retrofit/expand existing facilities. This amount is a placeholder as each site will require different levels of rehabilitation.
- **Initial operating investment: ~\$4M** (\$1M for high quality summer school programs and \$2.85M for high quality after-school programs) – these dollars would be used to expand successful after-school and summer programs. The programs could be implemented through the Children's Commission or Recreation and Community Services.

Budget:

- **Known local, state, federal, non-federal funding opportunities (cash and in-kind), by source:**
 - Current City budget for Parks and Parks Programming
 - Current City budget for Jacksonville Children’s Commission Programming
 - Community Development Block Grant \$\$ (CDBG) for capital
 - Matching/In-kind contributions from partner agencies

Implementation Timeline:

- **The asset mapping/identification is currently underway for the 12 hot-spot areas.**
- **After-school programs should/could be started immediately in areas where there are none. A realistic goal would be for summer programs to be ready by end of Duval County School year and after-school programs put in place by 08-09 school year.**
- **Priority for all funding decisions should go to ‘hot-spot’ areas.**

Proposed Project 2: Establishing the Jax Journey Taskforce (JJT)

Establish a functioning body of key government service providers that collaborates with JSO on enacting and monitoring non-police strategies designed to impact violent crime within Jacksonville neighborhoods.

Membership would include:

- **Mayor's staff member to lead JJT**
- **JSO**
- **Municipal Code Compliance (Zoning and Property Safety)**
- **Public Works (Streets and Drainage, Solid Waste, etc.)**
- **Parks**
- **JEA**

Budget:

Total program cost:

- ~\$2.3M. These costs would be to augment current City, JSO and JEA funding.
- Initial capital and operating investments:
 - One management analyst level position to be housed within JSO's Crime Analysis Unit to analyze areas of need, organize non-police recommendations, monitor impact and ensure JSO and City efforts are coordinated. **Cost (with benefits) \$84,000.**
 - **\$1.2M** = ~\$100k per current 12 'hot-spots' for capital and operating costs associated with addressing neighborhood issues (lighting, tree trimming, ditch clearing, etc.).
 - **\$1M** for increased Drug Abatement Response Team (DART) and Code Enforcement efforts. These funds would be for direct abatement activities (board-up, demolition and other nuisance abatement).

Budget:

Known local, state, federal, non-federal funding opportunities (cash and in-kind), by source:

- Community Development Block Grant \$\$ (CDBG) for code enforcement/nuisance abatement activities
- City's general fund
- Neighborhood organizations (in-kind)
- Non-profits (Builders Care, Housing Partnership, HabiJax, Greenscape, Urban League, etc.)

Implementation Timeline:

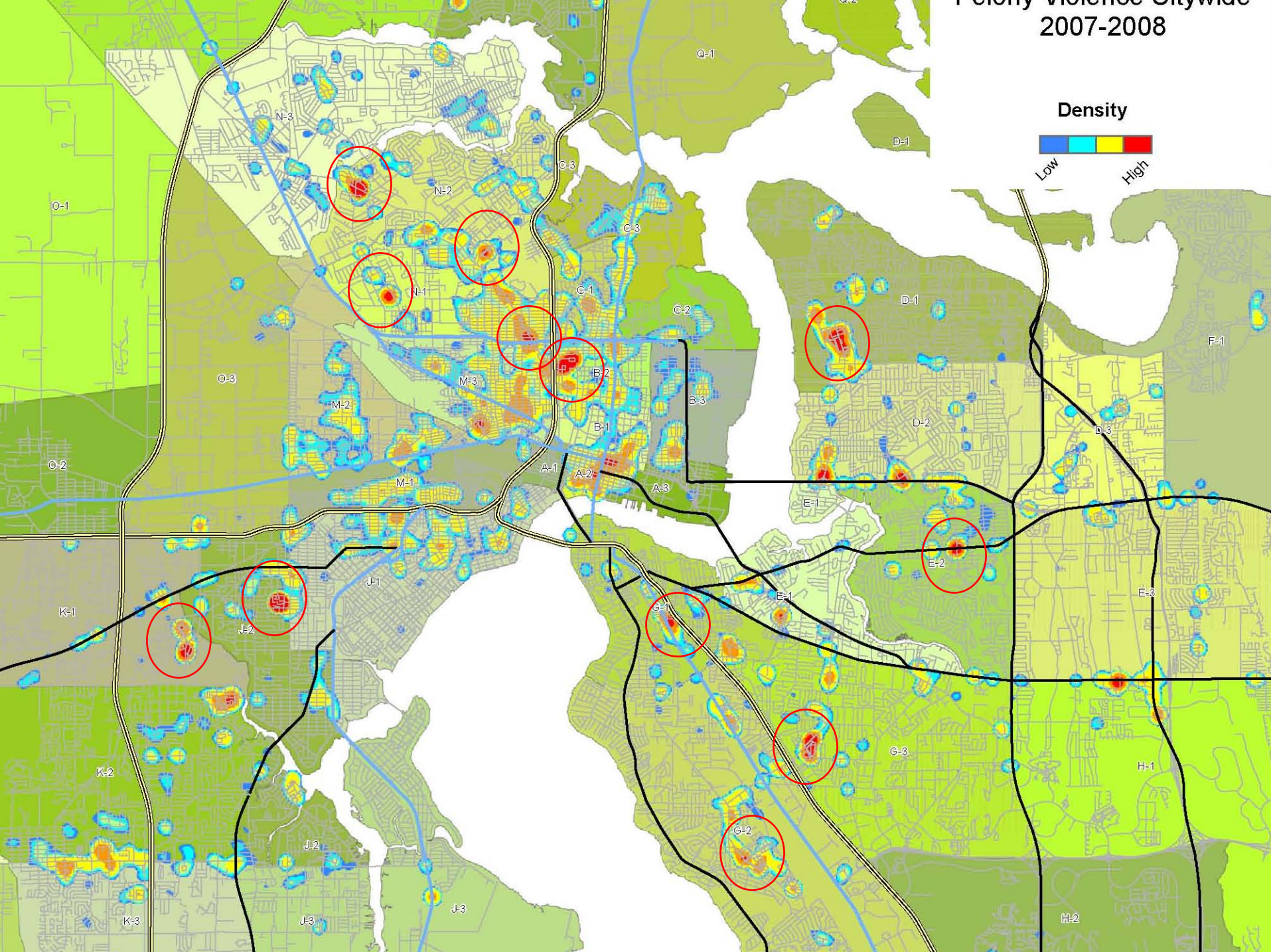
All of the key players are in place; the areas of need have been identified and baseline statistics are already being measured.

This program could go into effect immediately, with the position being called for filled over time.

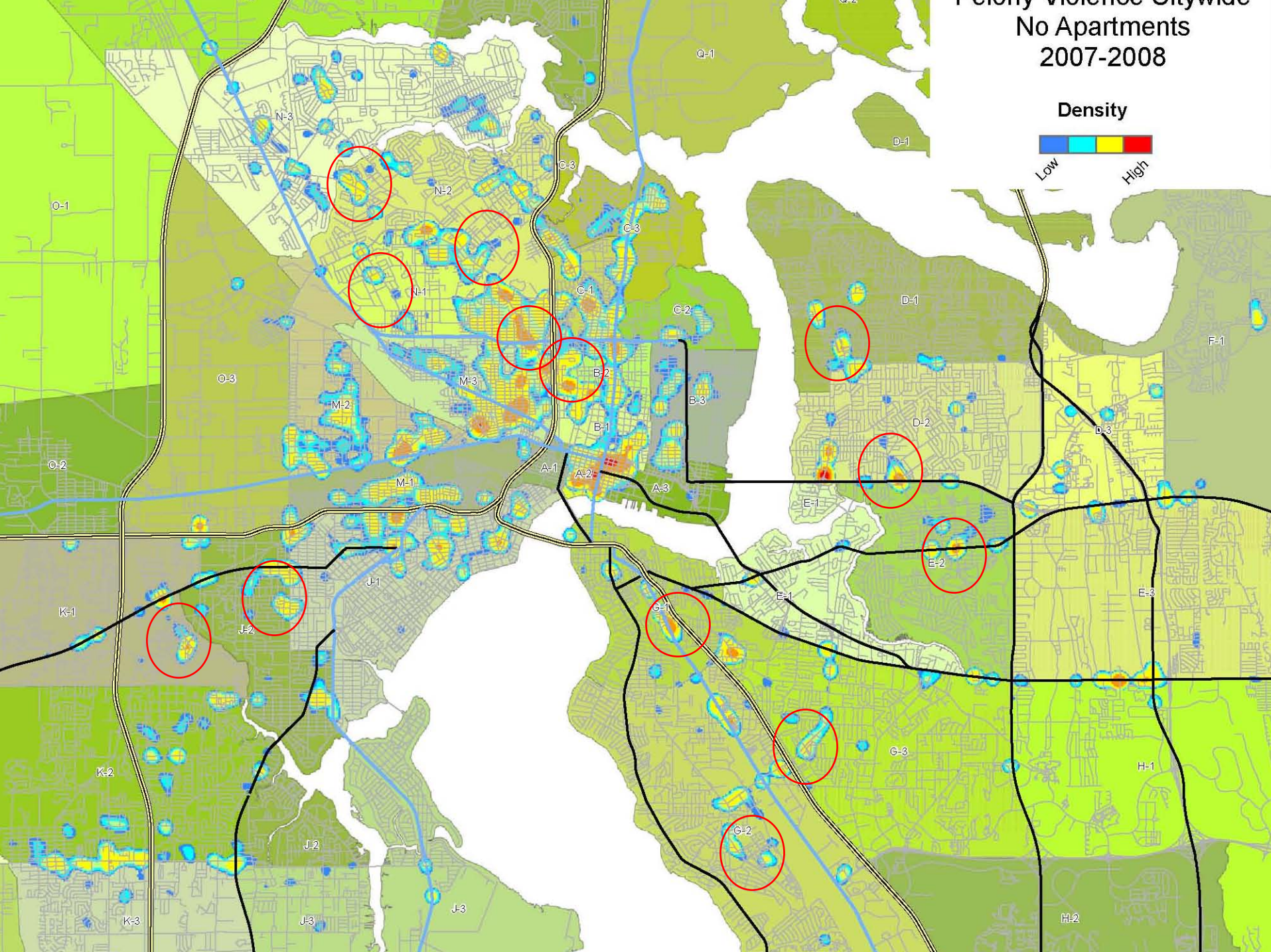
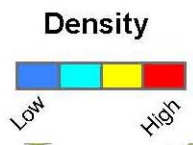
Proposed Project 3: Crime Free Multi-Family Housing

- **These recommendations are for reducing crime and improving general safety in multi-family housing communities. The group operated under the premise that there is much that can be done on many levels by: the owners/managers, the residents themselves, the police and government. The recommendations are broken down into these groupings.**
- **The JSO Crime-Free Multi-Family Housing program alone would take us a long way toward our goal. This program serves as the centerpiece for our recommendations.**
- **The following maps were used as an illustration of the impact of multi-family properties have on crime statistics:**

Felony Violence Citywide 2007-2008



Felony Violence Citywide No Apartments 2007-2008



Proposed Project 3 (cont.):

Recommendations to the City and HUD:

- **Support the JSO in the implementation of its Crime-Free Multi-Family Housing (CFMFH) program and encourage all apartment communities to participate in the effort.**
- **Ask City Council to consider making resident services programs in properties located in high crime areas a priority for Public Service Grants, Community Development Block Grants or other City funds; Make a five year commitment for funding.**
- **Encourage HUD to:**
 - **Require its subsidized properties to participate in the JSO's Crime-Free Multi-Family Housing program**
 - **Stay in closer touch with its property managers**
 - **Request that HUD be notified of all criminal acts on their properties**
 - **Encourage or require properties to take advantage of HUD's Neighborhood Network Coordinator program**

Proposed Project 3 (cont.):

Potential legislative action:

- Review the existing property safety code to ensure inclusion of CPTED & HUD housing quality standards within the existing inspection framework.
- Enact legislation to impose a civil penalty or user fee on owners of apartment complexes with calls for police services over a threshold amount concerning. The penalty or fee would be waived for owners of complexes certified in and actively participating in the JSO's Crime-Free Multi-Family Housing Program. Owners cited for excessive calls for police services could elect to participate in the Crime-Free Multi-Family Housing Program in lieu of paying the penalty or fee established by this legislation.

Proposed Project 3 (cont.):

Recommendations for Property Owners:

- Become certified in the JSO Crime-Free Multi-Family Housing Program
- Implement Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) strategies
- Develop and enforce leases that prohibit criminal acts by leaseholders and make leaseholders responsible for their guests. The lease standards must be strict and uniformly enforced.
- Develop resident organizations in all properties in high-crime areas
- Provide social service programs or partner with health, education, social services or faith based programs to enable residents to improve skills and transition to higher levels of housing. Where possible, space should be made available for these services to take place.

Proposed Project 3 (cont.):

Recommendations for Jacksonville Sheriff's Office:

- Provide more frequent policing in high-crime developments during peak hours of criminal activity
- Ask officers to knock on doors and get to know as many residents as possible, with the knowledge and concurrence of property owners, managers
- Encourage police personnel, preferably the beat officer, to attend resident organization meetings and discuss crime information and crime prevention measure, as often as possible

Budget:

Total program cost:

- **Very few of the recommendations require City funding. Outside of staff time to promote, coordinate, train and track participation, most of the costs are shouldered by the property owners. Most, if not all of the costs that are not borne by the owners, could be funded through local, State and Federal housing programs.**

Amount of capital investment:

- **Financial incentives are contemplated but not mandated for property owners who are attempting to implement Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Recommendations (such as improved lighting at Eureka Gardens).**

Annual budget for maintaining program with annual percentage of increase anticipated:

- **Additional staff time needed is not known at this time. It is conceivable that a position will need to be dedicated to the program.**

Implementation Timeline:

JSO has implemented the Crime Free Multi-Family Housing Program in three facilities. While the legislative aspects may take some time to enact, this program can get underway immediately.

Summary:

- **Total budget:**

- **~\$7.3M in capital and operating costs for Neighborhood Safety and Stability initiatives:**

- **\$5M for facility upgrades and after-school/summer programming; and**
- **\$2.3 for non-policing strategies for deterring crime in neighborhoods**



Project Status

**Law Enforcement and Deterrence
Committee**

March 27, 2008

Status Summary

- **Subcommittee voted on and approved recommendations this morning**
 - **Prioritized recommendations**
 - **Includes cost savings and revenue generating recommendations**
- **Will be prepared to present to Steering Committee on April 10**



Project Status

March 27, 2008

**Positive Youth Development
Subcommittee**

Chair Audrey McKibbin Moran

Progress

- **Jan. 9 & 23 *Mentoring* Charge**
- **Hosted guest speakers then developed action items**
 - **Super Bowl-level involvement needed to recruit 45,000 members (Currently 3,500)**
 - **Mayor to lead effort in partnership w/ Chamber**
 - **Comprehensive training for individuals working with youth and for young parents**
 - **Create various mentoring models to make more appealing to those w/ busy schedules**
 - **PR Subcommittee to develop marketing campaign**

Progress

- **Feb. 13 & 27 Hosted guest speakers then developed action items**
 - ***Engaging Duval's Youth Voice Council***
 - Regular meetings between DYVC and city leaders
 - DYVC members sit on boards/commissions
 - Fund position at JCC to staff DYVC
 - PR Subcommittee partnership on rap contest
 - ***Marketing 211 Hotline to youth***
 - Sample teens using 211 to determine effectiveness
 - Work w/ DYVC to develop scripts and questions
 - Employ youth to assist w/ calls during peak hours

Progress

- **March 12, 2008: Guest speakers on two charges:**
 - *Undertake major push to support out-of-school programs*
 - *Expand the Summer Jobs program*
 - **Afterschool programs: availability, costs and gaps in service**
 - Linda Lanier, JCC
 - **Quality afterschool programs**
 - Leon Baxton, Communities in Schools
 - **Quality summer camps**
 - Asst. Chief Bobby Deal, JSO/PAL
 - **Summer Jobs and Rec. & Comm. Svcs. Dept.**
 - Roslyn Phillips, RCS Dept. overview

Progress

- **March 21, 2008 Meeting**

- **Presentation: JaxParks Intramural Sports Program proposal**
- **Dialogue on the importance of messages we send to kids, parenting, decisions/choices/consequences, war on culture**
- **Will focus all recommendations on JSO Zone 1**

Progress

- **March 26, 2008: Action items on Charge 3:**
Undertake major push to support out-of-school programs
 - Fund quality afterschool programs for additional 5,200 children
 - Fund 8-week, quality summer camp for additional 7,000 children
 - Implement JaxParks Intramural Sports League
 - JCC to internalize DYVC recommendations
 - Recommend Chamber and WorkSource take over Summer Jobs program
 - City to still provide job opportunities



Public Relations Committee –

March 27, 2008

Assignments Completed

- Have completed 8 PR marketing & public relations plans for Education, Intervention, Neighborhoods and Positive Youth Development committees.
- Additional PR plans and modifications and refinements to existing ones have been requested and are in progress.

Continue Ongoing PR Efforts

- Excellent media coverage of Jacksonville Journey, particularly in print media.
- Will continue to pitch stories to Times-Union and other media to keep the community up to date.

Begin to Focus PR efforts on Town Hall meetings

- Need to reach out to educate community on upcoming town hall meetings on May 15, 22, 29 and June 5.
- Utilize both traditional and non-traditional media methods to reach community.



Funding Subcommittee

Tom Petway, Chair

Status Summary

- **Presentation by Mike Hogan 3/13/08**
- **Committee workshop 4/14/08 with the chair of each subcommittee**
 - **Each subcommittee has been asked to prioritize their recommendations and indicate immediacy of implementation**



Project Status

Targeted Intervention and Rehabilitation

John Coxwell

Progress

Committee will be holding a meeting in the community this Monday, March 31st at Clanzell Brown Community Center (5p). Final meeting of full committee will be held on April 7.

Working Groups:

- **Adult Re-entry Subcommittee:**
 - Targeted recommendations on lowering bond amounts;
 - Immediate input on the effectiveness of existing programs that offer services to this population;
 - Developing a plan for strong buy-in from the corporate community;
 - Identifying targeted population and developing short and long term targets.
- **Juvenile Intervention Subcommittee:**
 - Completing assessment of current programs;
 - Met youths in their community (March 14 at 5p, Clanzell Brown Community Center);
 - Targeted recommendations for intervention and diversionary programs for youth.
- **Employee/Employer Strategies:**
 - Removing barriers to employing ex-offenders;
 - Identifying and publicizing incentives for employers willing to hire ex-offenders;
 - Establishing corporate partners for implementation of plans.