



**JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

**TRUE COMMISSION  
CIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
May 22, 2013  
1:00p.m.**

**City Council Conference Room A  
Suite 425, City Hall  
117 W. Duval Street**

**Attendance:** Committee Members Patti Anania (Chair), Marcella Lowe and Joe Andrews

**Also:** Jeff Clements – Council Research Division

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairwoman Anania. She described how she had attempted to correlate the August 30 CIP listing distributed at the meeting with Council Member Lori Boyer with the departmental CIP reports and had great difficulty in making the lists match up. The committee discussed possible strategies for proceeding with this review, including dividing the lists up among the committee members for research. The members felt that meeting with departmental representatives for an introduction of the TRUE Commission and this CIP project would be helpful before making calls for detailed information.

It was noted that the lists are of varying ages – some more recent projects may not show up on older lists. New CIP projects are added all the time, so lists are ever-evolving. The group discussed district bond fund capital projects and how the district bond funds have changed over time. There was also discussion of the pending ordinance proposing to use Loblolly Wetland Mitigation Fund revenues to create district capital funds. Commissioner Andrews believes that revenues in the Loblolly fund can only be used for land acquisition, according to his reading of the Code.

The members agreed that it made sense to start with the supposedly closed-out projects and deal with the still active projects later. The members divided the review among themselves by department: Andrews – City Council; Lowe – Parks and Recreation; Anania – Public Works. The members will start by contacting the departments and asking about a few projects at a time rather than trying to tackle the entire list at once.

The group discussed the definition of “capital improvement” in the Ordinance Code and debated whether the 3-part test (cost over \$100,000, expected lifespan over 10 years, paid for with borrowed funds) is cumulative (must meet all 3 tests) or if any of the three qualifies a project. There was discussion of the difference between routine maintenance and repair and capital improvement. Commissioner Andrews suspects the City is intentionally neglecting routine maintenance (which cannot be paid for with borrowed funds) until facilities deteriorate to the point where a full-blown capital project is needed to repair the damage, which can be paid for with borrowed funds.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

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