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City of Jacksonville

MINUTES

Of

**Jax Journey
Oversight Committee**

October 22, 2015

PROCEEDINGS before the Jax Journey Oversight Committee taken on Thursday, October 22, 2015, 8th Floor Conference Room 851, 231 N. Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida commencing at approximately 4:00 pm.

Committee Meeting Attendees

Charles Griggs, Chair
James Campbell, Member
Rory Diamond, Member (by phone)
Betty Holzendorf, Member
Tracy Tousey, Member
Paula Wright, Member
Sam Newby, City Council Liaison
Lawsikia Hodges, Office of General Council
Charles Moreland, Director of Community Affairs
Debbie Verges, Project Director
Donna Barrow, Committee Staff

Proceedings

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by Chair Charles Griggs.

Mr. Griggs welcomed all present and introduced the new Jax Journey Oversight Committee (JJOC) Member Paula Wright who expressed how honored she is to be a part of the JJOC.

Mr. Griggs stated that there is a quorum present and asked for a motion to approve the September minutes. Ms. Tousey motioned for approval and Mr. Campbell seconded, all were in agreement. Mr. Diamond registered an abstention because he was not present at the September meeting.

Mr. Griggs recognized Ms. Verges who announced that a new logo had been designed and noted that the Jacksonville Journey will be known as the Jax Journey going forward.

Providing updates, Ms. Verges stated that the Ex Offender RFP has been pulled by Procurement and will be re-released on October 28th. The pre-bid conference will be on Nov. 5th and the responses will be due back on Nov. 18th. All vendors involved have been notified. Ms. Verges noted that the Return on Investment Study is out and the responses are due back on Nov. 4th and the award should be made on Nov 19th. She thanked Council Member Newby for sponsoring the L.E.A.P. legislation. The bill will be in Finance & RCDPHS November 2nd & 3rd with the full City Council voting on November 10th. CM Newby shared that he cannot think of a better bill to be his first piece of legislation.

Ms. Verges explained that for the last seven years the Jax Journey was funded by Executive Order. She said that during the budget hearings CM Crescimbeni suggested that the Jax Journey should finally be codified. Ms. Verges asked the committee members to review the two documents in their packages and provide suggestions. One is the previous Executive Order and the other is the proposed legislation to codify the Jax Journey. She briefly reviewed the documents.

In response to Mr. Diamond, Ms. Hodges stated that the Chair at his discretion can appoint members to any JJOC sub-committees deemed necessary. Mr. Griggs confirmed that this happens fairly often.

Mr. Griggs asked when reviewing the proposed legislation that the JJOC members pay close attention to the portion about having an ex-officio member as subject matter experts. He said this was a recommendation from the transition committee and reviewed a number of scenarios where the JJOC would benefit from such members.

Ms. Hodges suggested that the legislation should make it clear that it is the JJOC that is actually appointing the ex-officio members. Ms. Verges pointed out that Ms. Hodges is the attorney assigned by the OGC to support the JJOC.

Mr. Griggs announced that the November JJOC meeting will be moved to Nov. 12th and asked Ms. Verges to explain why. Ms. Verges stated that Mayor Curry will be inviting people previously involved with the Journey to the meeting to review where we have been and where we are going. Formal invitations will be sent.

Mr. Griggs stated that we need to address four vacancies on the JJOC by year end. He said Ms. Verges will be working with the Mayor's office to identify candidates from various areas of the community.

Ms. Verges stated that she asked the agencies to come to today's meetings to introduce themselves, their agency & their Journey program. She said that if any member has questions about the program reports included in their package to please let her know.

The following agency representatives briefly reviewed their Journey programs:

Jennifer Drone - Jacksonville Area Legal Aid (JALA)
Stacy Roberts - Neighborhood Accountability Boards
Greg Pittman – Daniel School Based Programs
Shirley Webb – Women's Center of Jacksonville

Mr. Campbell made a motion to require Journey agencies representatives to attend 75% of the JJOC meetings. Sen. Holzendorf suggested that the agencies should be required to have a representative to attend all meetings that they were asked to attend by Ms. Verges. Ms. Tousey stated that she agreed with Sen Holzendorf. CM Newby stated he agreed as well. Sen. Holzendorf made a motion to amend Mr. Campbell's motion that the agencies must have a representative attend if they have been invited to attend. Ms. Hodges suggested that the repercussions on non-attendance should be included in the contract. Dr. Moreland expressed his agreement. Mr. Campbell & Sen. Holzendorf withdrew their motions with the understanding that meeting attendance requirements & repercussions will be included in future contracts.

Mr. Griggs called for public comments. There were none.

Mr. Griggs asked if any members had questions or comments. Dr. Moreland reviewed what the Mayor's goals were for the Journey and expressed how proud he is of what has been accomplished thus far. He thanked everyone involved. He also noted that we have done exactly what the administration said we would do.

Mr. Griggs stated that the JJOC is prepared to provide the proper oversight for the Jax Journey programs.

Mr. Griggs adjourned the meeting at 4:52 pm.