



Let's Ride

City of Jacksonville

MINUTES

Of

Jax Journey

Oversight Committee

Special Meeting

The Journey Continues

A Reunion to Renew

December 1, 2015

PROCEEDINGS before the Jax Journey Oversight Committee taken on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, Main Library Downtown, 303 North Laura St, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida commencing at approximately 4:00 pm.

Committee Meeting Attendees

Charles Griggs, Chair
Ricky Bedoya, Member
Rory Diamond, Member
Tracy Tousey, Member
Paula Wright, Member
Sam Newby, City Council Liaison
Charles Moreland, Director of Community Affairs
Debbie Verges, Project Director
Donna Barrow, Committee Staff

Other Attendees

Mayor Lenny Curry
Former Mayor John Peyton
Sheriff Mike Williams
Former Sheriff John Rutherford
Public Defender Matt Shirk
Former Senator Betty Holzendorf
Council Member Jim Love
Council VP Lori Boyer
Council Member Anna Brosche
Council Member Bill Gulliford
Bishop John Guns
Johnny Gaffney
Toni Crawford
Terrance Freeman
W.C. Gentry
Curtis Hart
William Ketchum
Pam Paul
Scott Wiley
Chiquita Moore
Alison Korman Shelton
Darren Mason
Marsha Oliver
Katie Ross

Sam Shiver
Scott Wilson

(Please see sign-in sheet for additional attendees)

Proceedings

Mayor Lenny Curry opened the meeting at 4:14 pm.

Mayor Curry made his welcoming remarks and talked about how important the Jax Journey and investing in at risk youth is to the future of our city. He said he is convinced this is the way forward. He also thanked former Mayor Peyton for being the genesis for the Journey. Mayor Curry asked those present to rededicate themselves to the purpose of the Journey.

Mayor Curry then presented a proclamation to Charles Griggs thanking him for his dedication to the Jax Journey oversight committee.

Mayor Curry introduced Sheriff Mike Williams who stated that it is important to get into the lives of young people before they get into gangs or crime. He feels that we have to go out into the community and convince them that the Jax Journey is the way forward.

Mayor Curry introduced former Mayor John Peyton who said that he is more encouraged about the City's future than he has been in a long time because we have a Mayor and Sheriff who are true advocates for change. He also stated that the Jax Journey has a proven record of prevention and intervention. He said that prevention though difficult to measure will have a long term effect long beyond Mayor Curry's term.

Mayor Curry introduced Gabrielle Grant an 8th grade Lakeshore Middle School student and TEAM UP participant. Gabrielle shared that she has participated in the Team Up program for three years. Before Team Up she was anti-social and shy. She said the program which is designed to prevent school dropouts, opened her eyes to new experiences and people.

Mayor Curry introduced Bishop John Guns who shared that he believes Mayor Curry & Sheriff Williams are sincere and they care. He then related the story of a 19 year old young man who was murdered because he tried to escape from the gangs. He explained that this story is the reason we need the Journey. He said he is all in because he believes in the Mayor & the Sheriff.

Mayor Curry then presented a proclamation to Betty Holzendorf thanking her for his dedication to the Jax Journey oversight committee.

Mayor Curry introduce Chief of Staff Kerri Stewart who talked about the Mayor's desire that there be a data analysis of all of the Jax Journey programs so that it is clear where the budget is being well spent before we move forward.

Ms. Stewart introduced Ben Webster with NLP Logix who did a brief PowerPoint presentation (see attached) about the work that they do and how it will relate to their analysis of the Jax Journey.

Debbie Verges, Project Director of Jax Journey adjourned the meeting at 4:48 pm.