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City of Jacksonville – Jacksonville Journey

MINUTES

Of

Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee

January 16, 2014

PROCEEDINGS before the Jacksonville *Journey* Oversight Committee taken on Thursday, January 16, 2014, Ed Ball Building, 8th Floor, Room 851, 214 North Hogan Street, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida commencing at 4:00 p.m.

Committee Members

Curtis Hart, Chairman Ricardo Bedoya, Member Terrance Freeman, Member Charles Griggs, Member Betty Holzendorf, Member Fred E. Lee, Member Tracy Tousey, Member James Campbell, Member Rory Diamond, Member

Alvin Brown, Mayor E. Denise Lee, Council Liaison David Roman, Committee Staff Taurean Sinclair, Committee Staff



Committee Attendees

Curtis Hart, Chairman Terrance Freeman, Member Betty Holzendorf, Member Fred "Fel" Lee, Member James Campbell, Member Ricardo Bedoya, Member

David Roman, Committee Staff Taurean Sinclair, Committee Staff

Committee Members Not Attending

Charles Griggs, Member Tracy Tousey, Member Rory Diamond, Member

E. Denise Lee, Council Liaison



Proceedings:

Chairman Curtis Hart called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. He stated for the record that a quorum is present.

1. Approval of Last Month's Meeting Minutes

Chairman Hart called for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2013 meeting of the Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee meeting. On a motion with a second, members voted to approve last month's meeting minutes.

2. Contracts

Mr. Robin Lumb, City Councilman Group 5 at Large requested that the Journey's Over-site committee to refocus on two areas where the needs are not discussed enough and are not fully identified;

- Work for ex-offenders create opportunities for those with criminal records to get jobs
- Early intervention re-guarding youth that may committed a small infraction that would create enormous difficulties in life. Ex. not paying traffic fines and receives a contempt citation.

He said he was not sure of the amount of money that would be available in next years' budget to address these needs, but to the extent possible he would like for these to be an area of concentration. He said he understands that journey took a hit with funding being assigned to other entities such as the Sheriff's office and the Children's Commission.

The committee briefly discussed the need for these programs and the need to find more employees willing to accept ex-offenders.

3. Legislation

Ordinance 214808 addresses Teen Court. The current funding will allow 250 youth to participate. Dave Roman applied for a grant and a meeting will be scheduled once approved. Most council members are supportive of Teen Court.

4. Meeting Schedule

The committee briefly discussed getting parking validated or meeting 4 times a year. The decision was made to meet quarterly, 3rd Thursday every quarter. Curtis Hart will set the dates for the rest of the year.

5. Motion to Adjourn – Chairman Hart

Chairman Hart adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.