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Noticed Meeting CM Peluso RE Resolution recognizing the historical impact of redlining and commitment to redress February 27, 2024 Minutes

Location: Henry Cook Room, City Hall at St. James, located at 117 West Duvall Street, Jacksonville FL, 32202

Attendance: Council Member Jimmy Peluso, Council Member Dr. Rahman Johnson, Council Member Ken Amero, Council Member Michael Boylan, Council Member Tyrona Clark Murray, Council Member Matt Carlucci, Director of Neighborhoods Thomas Waters, Temisha Hill for Unified Community Investors, Executive Director of the Jacksonville Historical Society Dr. Alan Bliss, Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission Dr. Rudy Jamison, Executive Council Assistant Cory Armstrong, Executive Council Assistant Amber Lehman, Executive Council Assistant Roshanda Shine, Executive Council Assistant Brooks Dame. Please see sign in sheet for additional attendees.

Meeting Convened: 4:01 p.m.

Council Member Jimmy Peluso thanked the audience and Council Members for their attendance. He shared that this Resolution had been request by the community. He read an excerpt from the geographical descriptions on Home Ownership Loan Corporation (HOLC) 1937 Map of Jacksonville, stating that the designations, based on race and lack of government infrastructure (sidewalks, curbs, lighting), removed the ability for loans (and therefor the ability to build equity) in these neighborhoods.

Council Member Ken Amero reported he read the Resolution and was in support. Dr. Alan Bliss explained the history of the map, the impacts still felt today, which included lower rates of home ownership, lack of investment, and lack of city infrastructures. He noted he was encouraged by the Council's interest.

Ms. Dennise Cook with the Red Alliance for Justice reported she wanted redlining stopped and expressed her desire to see more resources for the community. Council Member Boylan noted the ability today to build a factory in a residential neighborhood in 32209. He inquired if there was an Overlay; Ms. Cook responded there was not but that a neighboring Community, Historic Eastside, was working on one. Dr. Rudy Jamison noted an analysis was being conducted to show the appreciation and depreciation. Currently, it is very difficult to run real estate comparison comps.

Mr. Wells Todd noted the Duval County Medical Examiner conversation was related to lingering effects of Redlining.

Mr. Carnell Oliver stated he has lost trust in elected officials.

Ms. Temisha Hill noted that the Resolution could also speak to the cultural impact Redlining and its effects had on communities. She spoke to a loss of pride and legacy households. Children grow up and "get out" when other neighborhoods are able to retain their youth, the talent, and the potential. Ms. Hill shared the desire for the neighborhoods to be strong, to have the ability for neighbors to shop, work, play, live, and have all of the neighborhood conveniences.

Council Member Peluso thanked the community for attending, for their feedback, and adjourned the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Brooks Dame, Executive Council Assistant to Council Member Jimmy Peluso. The following items were submitted for public record and can be accessed by contacting the Legislative Services:

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