

## EAP Meeting 7/17/13

**Meeting called to order by Chair Carithers at 3:03pm.**

**Members present:**

Natalie Alden  
Katherine Carithers  
Leslie Goller  
Dan O'Connor  
Sheri Treadwell  
Scott Wiley

**Guests:**

Karen Nuland  
Supervisor of Elections Jerry Holland

Minutes approved with edits, motion by Wiley, second by Alden, accepted by acclamation.

**Old Business:**

Diversity of the Canvassing Board

The research on Canvassing Board diversity was reviewed.

Supervisor Holland discussed how municipalities can choose their own canvassing boards.

Note, if the Supervisor of Elections is on the ballot, then it defaults onto the county commission.

Open Discussion about a draft letter where the EAP expresses a desire for diversity to be considered by the county judge and the county council spot:

O'Connor expressed a desire to give preference to a NPA.

Alden wants the letter to be directed to the council to encourage diversity.

Carithers expressed there is also as much leeway for the judges picks

Consensus was reached to combine the letter to both bodies so that both know the EAP has addressed each of them.

The group consensus was not to include age in determining diversity desires, but to include the other items available on the voter registration: race, political party, gender.

Goller will check with 6 counties larger than Duval and then the two smaller than us.

**New Business:**

Elections

Supervisor Holland gave updates on the following related to the Atlantic Beach elections:

- Candidate forum
- Qualifying (done)
- Poll worker training August 22, 23 on 2-6pm
- Internal training not set yet
- Usually about 30% voter turnout

Supervisor Holland updated on when first 2014 election events begin.

#### Open Discussion:

- Goller saw an article on ADA deficiencies the city had. Supervisor Holland clarified article was likely about ADA issues around the city as a result of the DOJ lawsuit.
- Supervisor Holland gave an update on ADA issues specific to the SOE Office. The office is currently doing evaluations of all polling locations with 10 left to evaluate and survey. This is done periodically.
- Goller requested to see the survey when completed.
- Alden gave a summary of the ADA lawsuit that has been settled.
- Goller asked about library closures and how that will effect early voting.
  - o Supervisor Holland updated the group that the reduced hours will not be a problem, if the libraries close then the issue facing the SOE office will be if the library is vacated or simply closed. If it is closed, we can still use the building for Early Voting. If it is vacated, there might be problems.
  - o New laws allow for more options in choosing Early Voting sites.
- Carithers asked about absentee ballot requests – can you request for more than one election?
- Supervisor Holland responded that current law is you can request all through 2 federal elections, or just absentee for the next election.
- Voters are not notified when their time has expired (past 2 federal elections).
- Supervisor Holland gave an update on Electronic Poll Books.
- Alden made a motion to send same EAP support letter to the Council, O’Connor seconded
- Vote by acclamation.
- Motion passes. Treadwell will draft a letter. Chair Carithers will edit and sign.
- Supervisor Holland gave an update on the Elections Center lease.
  - o Holland explained how that plays into the present budget with the present deficit and the administration asking for constitutional officer cuts.
  - o Holland communicated most recent lease information, specifically that Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> is when the recommendations will be given to the Council.
  - o The panel agreed with Holland that the site should be non-political/neutral if possible.
- Open discussion on whether the panel wants to take action about supporting politically neutral requirement in a lease agreement.
- Goller expressed that EAP should give the opinion that the panel’s first choice is to build on the La Villa property.
- Carithers moved to call a special meeting just to review the leases August 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm
- Panel agreed by acclamation, there will be a special meeting will be held on Aug 5<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.
- The panel also voted by acclamation to do EAP site tour. Panel members were familiar with Gateway and Southgate locations and unanimously decided just to tour the Imeson location.
- A consensus was reached to tour the Imeson property July 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.

**Chair Carithers adjourns the meeting at 4:39pm**