

8/8/13 EAP Meeting

Meeting called to order by Chair Carithers 3:12pm.

Members in attendance:

Kathy Carithers
Natalie Alden
BeLinda Peebles
Dan O'Connor
Leslie Goller

Visitors:

Supervisor Holland
Kim Glasgal

Old Business:

Notice

Chair Carithers asked about why the City Ethics Office canceled the meeting. Supervisor Holland explained the interaction with the Ethics Office and the Office of General Counsel. Supervisor Holland explained that the City assigns a staff person to the panel. The city staff person should do notices, attend the meetings and other administrative functions as is usual for other boards or panels. Rachel Welsh is the assigned staff person from the City of Jacksonville.

Diversity of Canvassing Board

The panel will follow up at next meeting.

Americans with Disability Act (ADA) Issues

Goller brought the Folio Weekly article she referenced at the 7/17/13 meeting and read the part pertinent to the Elections Office out loud. Alden asked if there are accommodations for disabled for voter registration. Supervisor Holland explained it can be filled out online and printed. Signatures can be whatever mark the person wants to make, including an "X".

Elections Office

There is a discussion on rescheduling the tour of the Imeson property. Carithers speaks to the media publicity of the issue. Supervisor Holland explained the difference between the Elections Center and Early Voting site. Supervisor Holland explained there can still be Early Voting at the Gateway shopping center. Open discussion about political issues surrounding the Elections Center. Open discussion about the Gateway maintenance issues. Open discussion about a consolidated city owned building downtown. Open discussion about differences between Gateway and Imeson properties. Alden moves to have an EAP letter of support for Imeson, O'Connor seconds. Goller asks to add an amendment to add the first choice is to have a consolidated building that is built on city owned property downtown. Alden seconds. Unanimous agreement.

Alden suggests saying in the letter that the panel supports an early voting site in the Gateway area and that more people will be able to fit into the Canvassing board room.

Motion passes.

It is agreed that Alden will read the letter during the City Council meeting on Tuesday, August 13th. Letter will be both sent to Council Members by email, and Alden will read at meeting.

Atlantic Beach Elections

Canvassing schedule discussed.

Other

Open discussion on service announcements to update voter signatures.

Possible citizen survey using Atlantic Beach election discussed.

It was requested that Kim Glasgal be added to the roster.

Copies requested for accessibility issues at Gateway and for the Elections budget.

State voter roll maintenance discussed.

The next meeting will be Augusts 21, 2013.

Meeting adjourned by Chair Carithers.