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**SPECIAL AD HOC COMMITTEE ON JACKSONVILLE’S**

**NEIGHBORBOOD BLIGHT MEETING MINUTES**

**May 13, 2015**

**10:00 a.m.**

**City Hall**

**117 W. Duval St., 1st Floor**

**Lynwood Roberts Room**

**Attendance:** Council Members Denise E. Lee (Chair), Chair, Greg Anderson, John Crescimbeni, Warren Jones, Jim Love

**Excused:** Council Members Bill Bishop

**Also**: Council Member Doyle Carter; Peggy Sidman – General Counsel’s Office; Jim Robinson – Public Works Department; Elaine Spencer – Planning & Development Department; Kimberly Scott – Regulatory Compliance Department; Dan Macdonald – ECA Dist. 8; Chief Pat Ivey – Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office; Robert Campbell – Office of Council Auditor’s; Yvonne Mitchell – Council Research

See attached sign-in sheet for additional attendees.

Council Member Lee called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. She offered accolades to various internal and external entities in their collaborative efforts in the fight against blight.

The meeting began with introductions from the committee and attendees.

Students from Christ the King were recognized during the meeting. They were given information about the blight application and provided the opportunity to meet JaxCan. The students agreed to help fight blight. It was suggested students use their cell phones to report blight as an assignment. They unanimously agreed to participate and the teacher will notify the committee of results.

**Minutes**

Motion/2nd move to approve April 29th minutes – Gulliford/Jones (4-0)

1. Crime Reports – Pat Ivey

Chief Ivey reported that Sheriff Rutherford was agreeable to submitting a letter to store owner. The letter will be drafted and sent to committee members for signature.

Chief Ivey stated their database currently does not track graduation statistics of individuals arrested. He will inquire about adding a question to the intake process to gather the information.

The cameras monitoring illegal dumping are located at:

4640 Evergreen Avenue 1500 Oakhurst Avenue

E. 27th Street & Walnut Street W. 26th Street & Spring Grove Road

1600 Moody Street Federal Street & Patterson Avenue

There have been six (6) cases with usable evidence since cameras were installed the third week of February. One case is a felony charge from the Oakhurst location where the violator dumped tree debris on March 31, 2015. Chief Ivey reported that zone officers will be getting additional training on legislation that addresses illegal tire dumping. There was extensive discussion regarding the lack of reporting violators due to the absence of law enforcement. In response to CM Jones question, Mr. Foster stated he was unaware of any specific situations regarding employees; however, there is a reluctance of pushing the issue of illegal tires without law enforcement. He will be working with Chief Ivey on the training sessions for officers and staff. Afterwards, all tire shops will be informed of regulations through onsite visits.

*Assignments:*

Chief Ivey

* draft letter to Raceway store owner and send to committee members by next Wed, May 20th
* provide update on 13th Street & Moncrief Road (Criminal statistics, foreclosure, etc.)
* work with the Illegal Tire Dumping subcommittee
* provide rotation schedule for the illegal dumping cameras

Dan Macdonald

* Coordinate with Chief Ivey to circulate the letter to committee members

Jim Robinson

* list of all tire shops and indicate which ones are not in compliance (fenced or chained)
* provide documentation and other information given to violators (notice, citation, etc.)
* provide procedure on how to address violators
* research whether the fee for waste tires still exists and where does money go
* incorporate report into the Illegal Tire Dumping subcommittee report

CM Jones

* serve as chair of the Illegal Tire Dumping

1. ShAdCo – Gary Dickinson

Mr. Dickinson provided a packet of information which included a list of the ShAdCos and the corresponding sector maps. He provided an update on the promotional efforts with the various agencies. It was suggested that citizens should be able to pick up ShAdCo handouts from City Hall, Tax Collector Offices and JEA.

Assignments:

Gary Dickinson

* add a legend on the color map
* inquire about changing the location of Zone 5 joint meeting to Edgewood to be more centralized; Add legend to color map
* add a column depicting the zones
* provide explanation of special ShAdCo
* work on process to ensure data is properly transmitted to main database

Renee Goode

* follow up on source which determines notices sent in electric bills

Planning & Development, JSO & ShAdCo

* work together and provide separate maps depicting neighborhood associations; criminal activity; and ShAdCos. Each map should cover same area so that they can be shown as an overlay.

Paul Martinez

* meet with Aleizha Batson and Planning & Development Department to develop a marketing tool to promote CPAC and ShAdCo organizations

Dan Macdonald

* insert Times Union recent articles on blight and ShAdCo into the committee members folder for next meeting

1. Foreclosure Property Registry – CM Gulliford

The legislation has been filed. The subcommittee is now pursuing land banking concerns and will provide a report at next meeting.

**New Business - Topics**

Athletic Associations eligibility criteria for programs – CM Jones

**Next Week’s Agenda**

1. Land Banking - Housing and Neighborhoods Subcommittee (CM Gulliford)
2. ShAdCo
3. Public Safety Impact Fee
4. Discussion regarding HUD multi-family criteria

Assignment:

Ms. Elaine Spencer will invite area supervisor from HUD to next meeting.

**Public Comments**

Bishop Johnson inquired about the rotation schedule for the illegal dumping cameras.

Mark Anino commented that he noticed Dunn Avenue area looked different and had fewer signs.

Gracie McCastler mentioned that she forwarded her proposal for increasing the dropout age to the regional staff of her sorority.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

Yvonne P. Mitchell, 630-1679

05.15.15 12:00p.m.