

Ad Hoc Blight Committee Meeting

May 27, 2015

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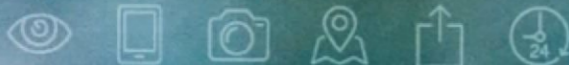
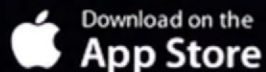
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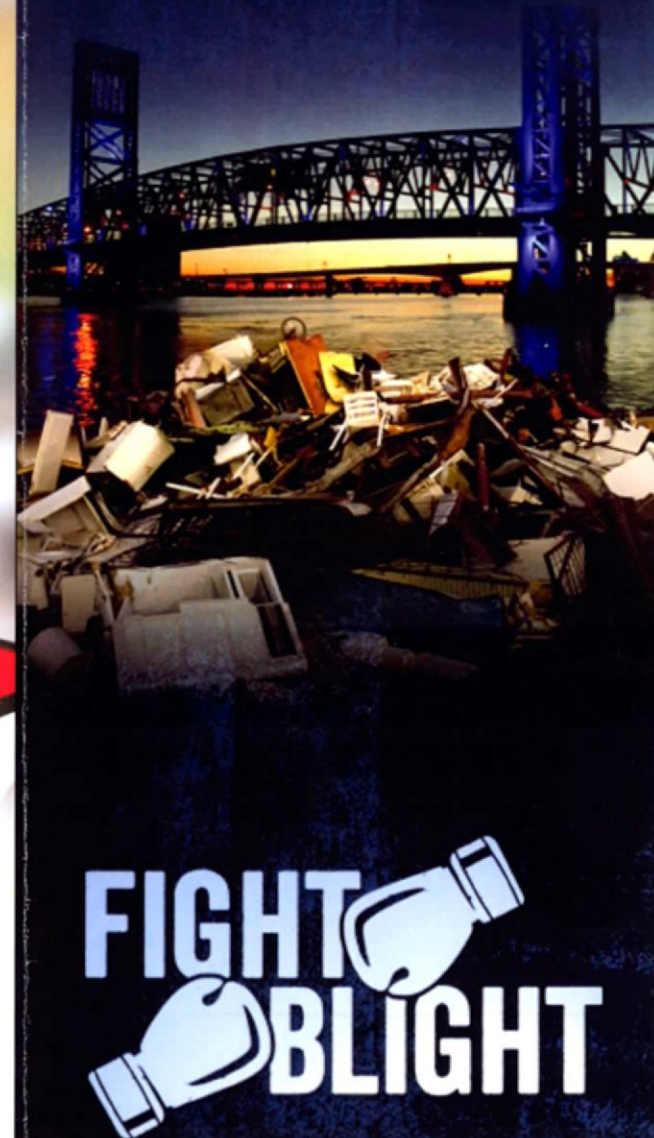
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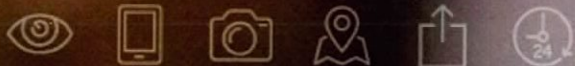
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Proposed Agenda

Ad Hoc Committee on Blight

May 27, 2015, 10 a.m.

Lynwood Roberts Room

Note about Parking: Those parked in the Library Parking garage can have parking validated at the end of the meeting. See Dan Macdonald at the end of the meeting.

Committee: E Denise Lee, Chair; Council Member Jim Love; Council; Council Member John Crescimbeni, Council Member Bill Bishop, Council Member Warren Jones, Council Member Bill Gulliford, and Council Member Greg Anderson.

Call to order

Approve minutes from May 20, 2015 meeting

- JEA's policy on the information placed in its bills – Wayne Young, JEA
- PR to market ShAdCo, CPAC and CDC – Paul Martinez
- Parks rules for participation in athletic programs (i.e. must be in school) – Tony Lopez, Parks, Recreation and Community Service.
 - Sample brochures
- Underlying Issues of Crime presentation – Steve Barreira, JSO
- Zombie Property/Foreclosed Property Registry – CM Jones and CM Gulliford
- Report on how JSO and Inspectors are coordinating efforts ---Jim Robinson
- Garbage Collection and Recycling Brochure suggestions – CM John Crescimbeni
- Sign Law poster for sign shops – CM Jim Love
- **New Business**

Public Comment and Complaints

Adjourn



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SPECIAL AD HOC COMMITTEE ON JACKSONVILLE'S NEIGHBORHOOD BLIGHT MEETING MINUTES

**May 20, 2015
10:00 a.m.**

**City Hall
117 W. Duval St., 1st Floor
Lynwood Roberts Room**

Attendance: Council Members Denise E. Lee, Chair, John Crescimbeni, Bill Gulliford, Warren Jones, Jim Love

Excused: Council Members Greg Anderson and Bill Bishop

Also: Council Member Doyle Carter; Teresa Eichner – Mayor's Office; Cherry Shaw and Peggy Sidman – General Counsel's Office; Jim Robinson – Public Works Department; Folks Huxford and Elaine Spencer – Planning & Development Department; Kimberly Scott – Regulatory Compliance Department; Dan Macdonald – ECA Dist. 8; Chief 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 Gulliford called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

The meeting began with introductions from the committee and attendees.

Minutes

Motion/2nd move to approve amended April 29th minutes – Crescimbeni/Love (4-0)

Motion/2nd move to approve May 13th minutes –Crescimbeni/Love (4-0)

I. Updates – Chief Pat Ivey

The Evergreen Street camera has been moved to another location due to no further issues. There is no set schedule on relocation of cameras. The letter to the Raceway owner has been drafted and is awaiting the Sheriff's approval. Chief Ivey explained the seizure and forfeiture process of property in illegal activity.

Assignments:

Cherry Shaw – work with Chief Ivey to finalize the letter to come from Blight committee on CM Lee letterhead with signatures for each member

Chief Pat Ivey:

- provide old and new boundaries for Operation Cease Fire
- provide list and explanation of crime types that are suspended

2. Housing & Neighborhoods Subcommittee – Council Members Bill Gulliford & Warren Jones

There are approximately 2400 zombie properties in the City. Legal Aid needs unfiltered access to Foreclosure Registry to identify these type properties. Legislation is pending to include a renewal process for foreclosed properties. This will assist the City and Legal Aid with maintaining a more accurate registry.

Assignment:

CM Jones - provide written report from subcommittee to include recommendation regarding zombie and tax reverted properties

3. Map overlay presentation depicting high crimes – Gary Dickinson

Presentation postponed until next committee meeting.

4. Tire shops out of compliance – Jim Robinson

Mr. Robinson distributed handout pertaining detail information and activity log of the registered tire generators and haulers. Inspection is every month for each generator and hauler. There are 915 registered tire generators and 29 haulers. Additional discussion included citations and revenue.

Assignment:

Jim Robinson – change font size in spreadsheet; and coordinate with Chief Ivey to arrange meeting

5. Solid Waste Flyer – Jim Robinson

Mr. Robinson distributed a draft Solid Waste booklet to committee. Members were asked to review document for content. Corrections and suggestions should be submitted to staff prior to next committee meeting. It was discussed that Solid Waste would submit information to the public three to four times a year through shared mail activity.

Assignments:

CM Crescimbeni – serve as chair of the booklet subcommittee

CM Love – will work with Crescimbeni on the booklet

Mr. Robinson - send digital version of booklet to Council Members Love & Crescimbeni; correct the recycle date on Property Appraiser's Office; provide a comprehensive budget and plan at the next meeting

New Business – Topics

6. Clothes donation bins – CM Crescimbeni

CM Crescimbeni reported that a bill has been drafted to address topic. CM Lee requested a subcommittee convene to discuss bill and recommend necessary amendments.

Assignments:

CM Crescimbeni – serve as chair of Clothes Donation Bins

CM Gulliford – serve on subcommittee

Dan Macdonald – provide list of all subcommittees and chairs

CM Crescimbeni provided a handout depicting various municipalities approach to handling excessive calls for service. Currently, the *Code* only addresses excessive calls for burglary alarms. The committee will discuss topic in greater detail in upcoming meeting.

8. Letter to sign makers

It was suggested by a citizen to send letters to sign makers including a copy of the *Code*. The intent is to have sign makers post the *Code* as a reminder to customers the requirements of posting signs. The committee decided not to draft a letter until further discussion within the subcommittee.

Assignment:

CM Love – serve as chair of the Notification Letters to Sign Makers

Next Week's Agenda

Parks, Recreation and Community Services – Tony Lopez
Housing & Neighborhood

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Yvonne P. Mitchell, 630-1679
05.27.15 8:30a.m.



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To: Councilmember Denise Lee
Chair – Blight Committee

Re: Ad Hoc Blight Committee – Zombie Properties

Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Zombie Properties Written Report

The Subcommittee for the Ad Hoc Blight Committee for Zombie Properties discussed and concluded that the following items be considered regarding this subject:

Zombie Properties:

The committee confirmed with Office of General Counsel that legislation will not be required for zombie properties. Determined that Housing Division would provide Jacksonville Legal Area Aide (JALA) unfiltered data that will allow JALA to identify and pursue zombie properties at no cost to the city.

Tax Reverted Properties:

Recommended that Section 122.461 of the ordinance code be amended to allow private entities to receive tax reverted properties.

Housing Division to oversee and monitor properties and report annually to the Recreation Community Development Community.

Entity receiving property will maintain front yard until mortgage is paid in full.

Foreclosures:

Crafting ordinance that will define criteria for which the city will pursue foreclosure on properties identified in 201-427.

1 Introduced by Council Member _____:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2015-**

5 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO DONATION FOR
6 RESIDENTIAL HOUSING; AMENDING CHAPTER 122
7 (PUBLIC PROPERTY), SECTION 122.461 (DONATION
8 FOR RESIDENTIAL HOUSING), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO
9 INCREASE THE VALUE OF PROPERTY THAT THE CITY
10 MAY DONATE FROM \$25,000 TO \$50,000 AND TO
11 PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR THOSE ENTITIES
12 ACCEPTING DONATION; ADOPTING A POLICY CREATED
13 BY THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
14 DIVISION TO EVALUATE AND APPROVE ENTITIES
15 ELIGIBLE FOR RESIDENTIAL PARCEL DONATION;
16 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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18 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

19 **Section 1. Amending Section 122.461 (Donation for residential**
20 **housing), Chapter 122 (Public Property), Ordinance Code.** Section
21 122.461, (Donation for residential housing), Chapter 122 (Public
22 Property), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 **CHAPTER 122 PUBLIC PROPERTY**

24 * * *

25 **PART 4. REAL PROPERTY**

26 **SUBPART F. DONATION OF PROPERTY FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL HOUSING**

27 **Sec. 122.461. Donation for residential housing.**

28 (a) The Purchasing Division and Real Estate Division may
29 donate property, in concert with the Housing and Community
30 Development Division of the Planning and Development Department,
31 which has a current fair market value of less than ~~\$25,000~~ \$50,000,

1 or any building that has been vacant, and/or boarded-up for 24
2 consecutive months without water or electricity, to a not-for-
3 profit corporation, a private entity/corporation or the adjacent
4 property owner. The not-for-profit corporation, the private
5 entity/corporation or the adjacent property owner must be approved
6 by the Housing and Community Development Division of the Planning
7 and Development Department as an entity or person whose efforts at
8 redevelopment or constructing housing for low or moderate income
9 individuals meet reasonable standards as to the quality of
10 construction and compliance with income standards. The Housing and
11 Community Development Division shall adopt a policy, approved by
12 the Council, for evaluating and approving such groups or entities
13 eligible for donation. The Housing and Community Development
14 Division shall submit an annual report to the Recreation and
15 Community Development Committee of City Council, or its equivalent,
16 each year summarizing any new groups approved for donation and
17 detailing the number of parcels donated pursuant to this section,
18 the value of each parcel and the approved entity receiving the
19 donation . ~~The following listed not for profit corporations are~~
20 ~~found to be qualified and may receive property donations pursuant~~
21 ~~to this Subpart.~~

22 ~~(i) Habitat for Humanity of Jacksonville, Inc.~~

23 ~~(ii) Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) as~~
24 ~~identified by the Planning and Development Department.~~

25 (b) Prior to any donation, the Real Estate Division shall
26 investigate whether or not there is a need by the City or any
27 independent agency or, if deemed appropriate by the Real Estate
28 Division, any other governmental agency or unit of government;
29 provided that no written inquiry shall be necessary when the Real
30 Estate Division has been informed previously or otherwise is aware
31 of a need or no need to retain the property for governmental use.

1 If, as a result of its investigation, the Real Estate Division
2 determines there is a need for the subject property by a
3 governmental agency or unit, then no donation shall be made.

4 (c) The Mayor and Corporation Secretary are authorized to
5 execute and deliver all documents necessary to convey the property
6 to the ~~not-for-profit corporation~~ approved entity.

7 (d) The Chief, Real Estate Division shall execute on behalf of
8 the City an agreement, with the approved entity ~~not-for-profit~~
9 ~~corporation~~, containing the following conditions: (i) The property
10 be used solely for the construction of affordable housing for low
11 or moderate income individuals; (ii) That construction of such
12 housing begin within 12 months of the donation, unless such time is
13 extended by the Chief, Real Estate Division; (iii) Construction
14 completed within 18 months of donation; (iv) The approved entity
15 ~~not-for-profit corporation~~ will assume full responsibility for
16 construction of the homes in compliance with appropriate building
17 codes; (v) The approved entity covenants to the City to maintain
18 the front yard landscaping of each constructed residence for the
19 entire length of the mortgage term; (vii) The approved entity must
20 be current on all property taxes for all parcels owned by it at the
21 time of conveyance and have no current Code Enforcement or nuisance
22 liens on any parcels it owns (except that liens incurred on parcels
23 owned by the approved entity prior to the approved entity taking
24 title shall not count against it); (viii) ~~(v) and~~ If construction
25 is not feasible, the property will be conveyed to the City, at no
26 cost to the City; and (viii) A reverter clause shall be included in
27 the deed conveying title that provides if the approved entity fails
28 to comply with these requirements the title to the property shall
29 be returned to the City at no cost to the City. The form of the
30 agreement shall be approved by the Office of General Counsel.

31 **Section 2. Adopting a policy for evaluating and approving**

1 entities eligible for donations pursuant to Section 122.461,
2 Ordinance Code.

3 The Housing & Community Development Division of the Planning
4 and Development Department has established a policy for evaluating
5 and approving entities eligible for donation pursuant to Section
6 122.461, Ordinance Code. The City of Jacksonville hereby adopts
7 the policy created by the Housing and Community Development
8 Division attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by
9 reference. This policy is subject to annual review by the Housing
10 and Community Development Division. Should the Housing and
11 Community Development Division determine that modifications to the
12 policy are necessary or recommended, the Housing and Community
13 Development Division shall file legislation through the Mayor's
14 Office to have such modifications to the policy adopted by the
15 Council.

16 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
17 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
18 without the Mayor's signature.

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20 Form Approved:

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22 _____
23 Office of General Counsel

24 Legislation Prepared By: Paige H. Johnston

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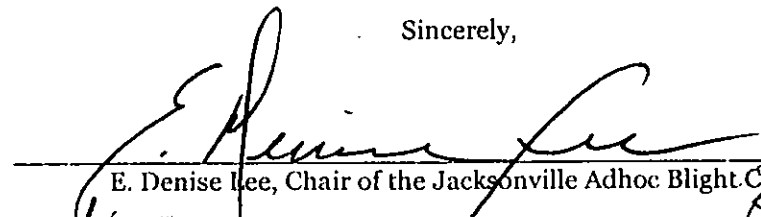
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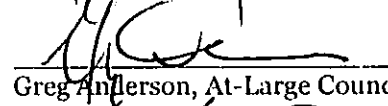

Dear Mr. Leccese:



Over the past several years, the above-referenced business has been the site location for a significant amount of activity requiring Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) resources and assistance. In particular, over a four (4) month period, the JSO has responded to approximately 136 calls for police service to this location. A majority of the police calls involve nuisance issues contributed, primarily, by patrons consuming alcoholic beverages at your business. Due to the excessive nuisance activity occurring at this location, the JSO and the City of Jacksonville Adhoc Blight Committee are concerned that such activity may negatively impact the adjacent residential community. While we strongly encourage and support small businesses in Jacksonville, we wish to amicably address and resolve these issues with you, and request that you contact the JSO at 904-630-3741.

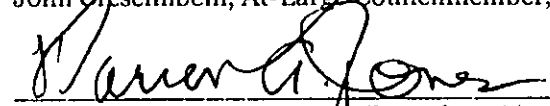
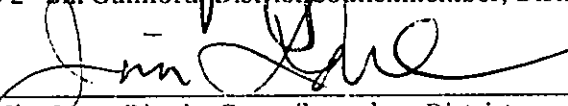
We look forward to working with you in the near future to protect your investment in our great City.

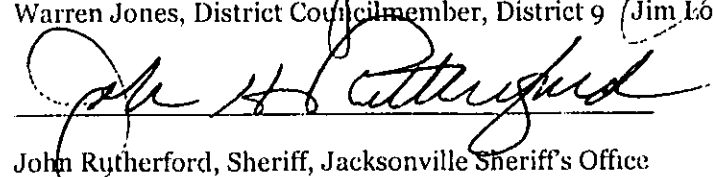
Sincerely,


E. Denise Lee, Chair of the Jacksonville Adhoc Blight Committee, Council District 8

 
Greg Anderson, At-Large Councilmember, Group 4 Bill Bishop, District Councilmember District 2

 
John Crescimbeni, At-Large Councilmember, Group 2 Bill Guniford, District Councilmember, District 13

 
Warren Jones, District Councilmember, District 9 Jim Love, District Councilmember, District 14


John Rutherford, Sheriff, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office

Jacksonville Sign Laws Resource

A Guide to Jacksonville Sign Laws can be found at COJ.net by searching "sign laws" or by going to:

<http://www.coj.net/departments/planning-and-development/building-inspection-division/sign-laws.aspx>

UNLAWFUL SIGN STRUCTURES. (exerpts from the above website)

It shall be unlawful and a violation to erect, alter or maintain a sign which:

- Does not meet all the requirements of the Building, Sign and Zoning Codes.
- A sign permit has not been approved, issued and payment received.
- Is tacked (nailed, screwed), tied (rope, tape, zippy-ties), stapled or pasted/glued to a hydrant, tree, lamppost, telephone, telegraph/cell tower or electric utility pole, fence or building.
- Is hung or supported from another sign and is not built as an integral part.
- Is/are placed in a public space or street right-of-way.
- Is of a temporary nature, not permanently anchored/secured to the ground or other structure, such as 'A'-frame signs, portable signs, or stick signs.
- Lighted/illuminated signs producing glare to vehicular traffic. Illumination or electric lighting, which pulsates, flashes, flickers, or alternates or changes intensity.
- Animated, flashing and revolving signs are prohibited in all zoning districts. Changing message devices (manual/mechanical) are permitted unless otherwise prohibited.
- Consists of streamers, ribbons, pennants or wind activated devices, multiple flags, including multiple flags of states, governmental units, balloons, including individual and giant balloons which are inflated and tethered for support which encompass an area or areas, singularly or in aggregate, greater than twenty-five (25) square feet.
- The United States of America or a single American flag of any size is permitted on a property.
- Is/are existing signs, which are non-conforming, and do not meet the building and zoning code requirements; check/consult with the Building Inspection Divisions Sign Plans Examiner/Reviewer. If the property title has been sold or transferred after March 1, 1987 the non-conforming sign shall be brought into compliance with the building and zoning code requirements (sign size or sign setback).
- Note: Any sign which is being used, or has been constructed, erected, placed, located or parked on public or City right-of-way may be removed by a City of Jacksonville Building Official without prior demand or notice.

<http://www.coj.net/departments/planning-and-development/building-inspection-division/sign-laws.aspx>