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| **OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL** |
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July 15, 2016

11:00 a.m.

**Neighborhoods, Community Investments and Services Committee**

**(Parks, Libraries, Housing and Neighborhoods)**

The Committee shall consider matters relating to parks, recreation; public housing; affordable housing; farms; forestry; fish and game; zoo; Sister Cities program; Jacksonville Public Library; Parks, Recreation and Entertainment Department; Agriculture Department; Jacksonville Housing Commission; Jacksonville Housing Authority; Community Services Department; ad valorem property tax exemptions; historic preservation; community revitalization; Waterways Commission; vessels for hire; Urban Services Districts; the Neighborhoods Department; education and schools; Duval County School Board; literacy issues; higher education institutions and issues; veterans' issues; Jacksonville Children's Commission; child services; service quality improvement and public satisfaction with government services and all related subjects.

**Committee Members:**

Scott Wilson - Chair

Reggie Brown - Vice Chair

Doyle Carter

Garrett Dennis

Bill Gulliford

Joyce Morgan

Matt Schellenberg

**NCIS Committee Agenda Meeting Location/Time:**

First and Third Monday at 8:30 a.m.

Lynwood Roberts Room, First Floor City Hall

117 W. Duval Street

**NCIS Committee Meeting Location/Time:**

First and Third Monday at 9:00 a.m. (will adjourn no later than 11:15 a.m.;

(Special Committee on Community Services Matters to follow immediately upon adjournment and Special Committee to adjourn no later than noon)

Council Chamber

First Floor, City Hall

117 W. Duval Street

**Special Committee on Neighborhood Investments and Services Matters**

(To begin immediately following the conclusion of NCIS but no later than 11:15 a.m).

I ask that you review existing policies and practices and revise and create new legislation as you deem appropriate to address our broader goal of becoming One City in which infrastructure, City services, and economic opportunity are available throughout and every neighborhood is safe, clean, and healthy. I hope that you will each take advantage of this opportunity to address areas of special concern to you personally. I have provided the list below to get the conversation started because I find each of these topics worthy of review and policy input from the Council, but the Committee may add or subtract from this list as you choose. Our Council staff will assist with research and speaker coordination for these meetings and I am also offering my assistance in that regard. The City staff from various departments may be a primary resource, but we can and should also seek outside input.

Suggested topics to consider:

1. Adopt-a-Park program- how can we use this program together with our parks trust fund, or a non-profit affiliate, to accept private contributions that will enhance park facilities; provide swim lessons, etc.
2. Menu for recognition of Park donations (type and size of signage, plaque ect. in relation to amount donated)
3. Parks as vehicles for community health improvement- equipment, programs?
4. Senior Centers as vehicles for Community health improvement-equipment, programs?
5. Blight; use of resources; property maintenance; foreclosure registry
6. Role of demolitions in clean-up; funding of demolitions
7. Neighborhood association development and support; what is intended role of CPAC’s and how can we help them fulfill that role?
8. Do our housing programs truly implement the vision, how can they better achieve our goals?

Understand all housing program opportunities and revise plans as necessary. If infrastructure is the foundation for economic growth, how is it prioritized?

1. Homelessness
2. Downtown as a neighborhood- and a front door
3. Do the goals of the Library Board further One City and how? Do the programs at the Library further One City and how?
4. Are the Tourist Development Plan priorities consistent with our goals for development of future attractions?
5. Waterfront Activation- Parks Department role, coordination with Waterways Commission
6. Hemming Park- Special Committee has been formed; address and follow-up on recommendations

cc: Council Members/Staff

Cheryl Brown, Director/CouncilSecretary

Carol Owens, Interim Chief, Legislative Services Division

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