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**Meeting Minutes for Council Member Lori N. Boyer hosts Waterway-Waterfront Activation Meeting**

**Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.**

**Topic:** The meeting was held to discuss goals, implementation strategies, and opportunities for activation of all of our City’s rivers, tributaries, the Intracoastal Waterway and Beaches and update progress on current efforts.

**Location:** Lynwood Roberts Room, 1st Floor, 117 West Duval St., City Hall, Jacksonville, FL

**Attendees**: Council President Lori Boyer, Council Member Jim Love, Council Member Bill Gulliford, Nicole Spradley (ECA, District 5), Brian Burket (Parks), Bob Skalitzky (Parks), Annette Hastings (TDC), Amy Ingles (Planning Department), Colin Moore (COJ Grants), Daryl Joseph (Parks), Jill Enz (Parks), Jim Suber (COJ Waterways), Dave Herrell (Sports and Entertainment), Kevin Kuzel (ECA, District 14)

Please see the attached sign in sheet for a complete list of attendees.

**Meeting Convened:** 3:01 p.m.

Council Member Lori Boyer opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. She provided a brief overview of this initiative.

Council Member Boyer provided a powerpoint presentation and discussed accomplishments since the last water activation meeting in May.

Jill Enz with the Parks Department presented a powerpoint with projects at Hanna Park and Klutho Park.

Brian Burket showed a map with the route for the Core 2 Coast and East Coast Greenway.

Paul Haydt, FL ECG Coordinator, spoke about the East Coast Greenway and explained that is spans from Main to Key West, with approximately a third of it complete.

Mayor Mitch Reeves, City of Atlantic Beach, talked briefly about the important role the East Coast Greenway played in saving the ferry. He also mentioned that the City of Atlantic Beach recently purchased 512.67 acres of park land at Tide View and added two need ADA kayak launches at Dutton Island. The City of Atlantic Beach is searching for people to serve on the recently created 11 person board called the Environmental Steward Committee and there are also opportunities to serve on the subcommittee on tree coverage.

Mayor Elaine Brown, City of Neptune Beach, provided a powerpoint presentation about the East Coast Greenway, A1A Ocean Islands Trail and Core 2 Coast. She also showed a drone video of Jarboe Park and discussed the future trail opportunity linking the park to schools, the library ect. in Neptune Beach. Due to the large size of the drone video file, it can be viewed by watching the video recording of the meeting.

Mayor Reeves mentioned that Johnson Island would make a great location for boating (not a boat ramp), kayaking, picnics/family gatherings and that the City is looking into a FIND grant.

Mayor Charlie Latham, City of Jacksonville Beach, provided a powerpoint presentation regarding the Taylor property, Cradle Creek Preserve and Oceanfront Park. He also mentioned the new skatepark at the South Jacksonville Beach Park.

Council Member Bill Gulliford discussed the repairs for the Jacksonville Beach Pier. He suggested entering into a contract to have the City run the pier concessions and enhancing the entrance to the pier. He also mentioned that the sea oats planting project will be complete in August and stressed the importance of keeping people off of the dunes.

Captain Jim Suber provided an overview of the King Fish Tournament held in mind July. Approximately 300 boats entered the tournament, a fifty plus increase over the year before. They also had an increase in junior angler participants. The Tournament will be held the week of July 16th in 2018.

Joe Kistel showed a video created by UWJAX. The video can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WAecOdIIEOk&feature=youtu.be>.

Elizabeth Gurthrie, North Florida Land Trust, showed a powerpoint presentation about the newly acquired land just north of the County line on the Ortega River.

Chris Allen, AIA President, discussed the nodes concept and mentioned that AIA met with the USS Adams representatives in the Spring and are planning to meet with MOSH.

Council President Boyer thanked everyone for attending the meeting and then adjourned the meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 4:38 p.m.

**Minutes:** Minutes completed by Nicole Spradley, ECA District 5, on Friday, August 4, 2017.

cc: Council Members/Staff

Cheryl Brown, Director/CouncilSecretary

Carol Owens, Chief, Legislative Services Division

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