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**AMENDED**

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

**Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 3:30 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 Member Lori Boyer, Council Member Jim Love, Nicole Spradley (ECA, District 5), Brian Burket (Parks), Bob Skalitzky (Parks), Colin Moore (COJ Grants), Jim Suber (COJ Waterways), Annette Hastings (TDC), Carol Brock (ECA – District 3), Jeneen Sanders (ECA, At-large group 1), Kenneth Lathrop (ITD), Joy Bradley-Walker (ITD), Sherry McGuire (ITD), Ian Boswell (ITD), Timothy Smith (EPD), R. Stephen McMans (EPD), James Richardson (EPB), Paige Johnston (OGC), Kevin Kuzel (ECA – District 14), and Margie Petraglia (Neighborhoods)

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

**Meeting Convened:** 3:33 p.m.

The following video was playing before the meeting began: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b8R5yxR9m2k>

Council Member Lori Boyer opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Council Member Boyer provided a powerpoint presentation focused on the adopted CIP funding for fiscal year 2017/2018.

Lt. Tim Smith provided a Hurricane Irma update and mentioned that the City is still conducting the assessment. He provided the following statistics:

* Waste haulers picked up approximately 800,000 cubic yards of debris after Hurricane Mathew. They have already picked up approximately 1.2 million cubic yards from Hurricane Irma and the first phase of pick up is not complete
* $72.8 million estimated in damages
* Damages sustained to the Jacksonville Beach pier will all be claimed with Hurricane Mathew
* There was a lot of small damage sustained to the docks, estimated $7.2 million
* Over 300,000 cubic yards of sand from the dunes were lost
* The City will seek mitigation funding and FEMA reimbursements to cover expenses for repairs

Tom Goldsbury discussed the future plans for the Jacksonville Beach Pier. He explained that work to repair damages from Hurricane Mathew was scheduled to begin the day after Hurricane Irma hit, but the start dates was delayed. Work has since begun and the first phase of repairs should be complete within six month and this portion of the pier will then be open to the public.

Council Member Boyer mentioned that it may take two years before the entire pier is open to the public.

Bob Skalitzky discussed the damages sustained to floating docks and parks on the waterfront. He mentioned that design and inspection phases will help determine whether the docks should be built on taller pylons. At this time, some of the docks have been repaired and are open to the public. Bids for repairs will begin in the next couple of weeks. A list of what parks are open and closed is posted on the City’s Parks website.

Chris Allen provided a powerpoint presentation about the AIA Friendship Charrette and an overview of the work, vision and concept of the project. AIA has already conducted a charrette with the representatives with the USS Adams and plan to have a meeting to discuss the Times Union Center node.

Council Member Boyer provided a powerpoint presentation about the HRA master plan and vision. Her hope is that the plan for Friendship Fountain will be completed in February 2018. She explained that the Times Union Center site is in the budget for next year. She showed a Delta Fountain video of Friendship Fountain from 2012 and a video of the Roshen Fountain in Vinnytsia, Ukraine.

The City’s IT Department provided an overview of the updates being made to the Explore Jax portion of the website. A presentation and handout was provided.

Katie Mitura discussed the upcoming changes to the Visit Jacksonville website and will provide a powerpoint presentation at the next Water Activation meeting. The new website is scheduled to launch in May 2018. She mentioned that the following items have already been added to the website:

* Expanded diving and reefs
* Bi-weekly fishing reports
* Boating page with links to marinas, paddling guides and fishing charters

She also mentioned that she will have a mock-up of the new visitor guide in November that will include more fishing information as well as places for boaters to dock and dine.

Brian Burket provided a powerpoint presentation regarding the preserves. He provided project updates for Betz-Tiger Point Preserve, Cedar Point, Alimacani Park and Jim King Park.

Council Member Boyer provided a powerpoint presentation on McCoy’s Creek.

Mayor Elaine Brown, Neptune Beach, provided an update on the Master Plan for Jarboe Park. She mentioned that part of the greenway trial is officially open. Neptune Beach City Council is getting ready to vote on approving the first phase of the project which includes building a new facility at the existing Girl Scout hut site. The trail has been surveyed and the next phase will include engineering. The end goal is to connect this trail to the greenway trial in Jacksonville Beach.

Brian Burket provided a post storm clean up update. The International Coastal Clean up was rescheduled due to Hurricane Irma, so participates hosted a clean up on Saturday, October 21st. He explained that the statistics are still coming in, but there were twenty clean up sites and approximately 50 volunteers at Hanna Park alone.

Mark Middlebrook will provide a report at the November Water Activation meeting.

Council Member Love mentioned that the Bishop Gate apartment complex is underway and that this property will provide 300 feet of Riverwalk.

Council Member Boyer mentioned that they are still pursuing the State owned property for the proposed rowing center and are still waiting to hear back.

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

**Meeting Adjourned:** 5:15 p.m.

**Minutes:** Minutes completed by Nicole Spradley, ECA District 5, on Friday, October 27, 2017.

cc: Council Members/Staff

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