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

**Thursday, February 8, 2018 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 Member Lori Boyer, Council Member Bill Gulliford, Nicole Spradley (ECA, District 5), Daryl Joseph (Parks), Brian Burket (Parks), Jill Enz (Parks), Bob Skalitzky (Parks), Colin Moore (COJ Grants), Jim Suber (COJ Waterways), Annette Hastings (TDC), Carol Brock (ECA – District 3), Joy Bradley-Walker (ITD), Sherry McGuire (ITD), Ian Boswell (ITD), Kevin Kuzel (ECA – District 14), and Guy Parola (DIA)

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

**Meeting Convened:** 3:02 p.m.

The following videos were playing before the meeting began and have been provided to Legislative Services:

* Delta Fountains video of Friendship Fountain
* 2 Roshan Fountain videos
* Moment Factory Video – Mystic Tree Show in Hangzhou, China
* Moment Factory Video – Jacques-Cartier Bridge Illumination in Montreal, Canada

Council Member Lori Boyer opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Brian Burket provided a powerpoint presentation covering the following recent completed projects:

* Geffen Park
* Pottsburg Creek dredge
* Mayport boat ramp
* Wayne B. Stevens boat ramp and dock replacement
* County Dock – piling removal and ramp

Daryl Joseph provided a brief Hurricane repair update accompanied by a map showing the location of each park. Some of the park projects will be completed by the Spring while others will be completed by the end of 2018.

Daryl Joseph showed a promotional video for Hanna Park.

Keith Keller, Harbor Master at Epping Forest, spoke about the impact Hurricanes Mathew and Irma have had on the facility and water sports. Prior to the hurricanes, Epping Forest had 71 boat slips and currently only have 16 working slips. He also mentioned that many of the Regattas have not been scheduled due to the hurricane damage.

Council Member Boyer is scheduled to meet with Dave Herrell to discuss water sports events and asked the meeting attendees to let her know what events have been cancelled or not scheduled due to the hurricane.

Margo Moehring provided a powerpoint overview of the Maritime Management Plan. The recommendation list is posted at [www.jaxboatplan.com](http://www.jaxboatplan.com).

John November discussed the three paddling guides and provided a copy of the Greater Jacksonville Paddling Guide. He explained that at grant from FDEP funded these guides and additional funding is needed to expand the guides. He announced the upcoming paddling race that will launch the intercoastal paddling guide. The event is scheduled for April 7, 2018 from 12pm-3pm at Dutton Island.

A member of the audience recommended adding camping sites to the paddling guides.

Council Member Bill Gulliford provided an update on the Mayport Docks. He mentioned that there is $900,000 in the City’s budget set aside for the project and that the Mayor’s Administration is seeking a State grant. He is currently working on a new market tax credit for the area. A construction start date has not been established; Council Member Gulliford explained that it all hinges on getting the land from JaxPort.

Dennis Thompson, Adventure Kayak, modeled the new Hanna Park shirts. He provided a brief overview of the services provided by Adventure Kayak including: mountain bike rentals, kayak and canoe rentals, fishing pole rentals, free kayak programs for children and certified instructors. Dennis Thompson also mentioned that there will be multiple free events in the spring.

Jill Enz shared a powerpoint slide with details pertaining to Corkscrew Park. The work out equipment sculpture will be placed in the park in mid-March and plantings and irrigation will be done within the next month.

Brian Burket provided a powerpoint slide for Cedar Point and Betz Tiger Point. He explained that construction has begun at Cedar Point and should be complete around summertime. He also mentioned that it was 80% funded by the Federal Government and 20% by FDOT. Brian Burket mentioned that Betz Tiger Point is in the design build phase and that the City is looking for partnerships with a youth or scout group for a camp.

Council Member Boyer said that the Waterways Commission had an interest in opening oyster beds in Jacksonville. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services initiated a study a couple of months ago to test the water quality to determine if this is an option.

Peter King showed renderings of a potential rowing center on DCF property off of the Arlington Expressway.

Katie Mitura provided a powerpoint presentation with updates on the changes being made to the Visit Jacksonville website and mobile site.

Sherry McGuire presented potential changes to the City’s website that focus on water related amenities. Mock ups of the website can be viewed on the meeting video recording.

Meeting attendees recommended adding skateboarding locations, links to beach facilities and the Jacksonville Beach pier to the City’s website.

Brian Burket discussed the paddling rubric and had a powerpoint slide. Once completed, the rubric will be posted on the City’s website for each paddling site as well as posted on a sign at each launch site.

Audience members suggested adding information about safety devices and requirements as well as GPS coordinates for fishing sites.

Colin Moore provided a powerpoint presentation about the PATH Foundation. The PATH Foundation is helping the City of Jacksonville and Groundwork Jacksonville connect trails.

Kay Ehas explained that Groundwork Jacksonville will pay for the master plan for the Emerald Necklace. The study should begin on March 1, 2018 and take six months to complete. Groundwork Jacksonville is also working on a McCoys Creek restoration plan.

Council Member Boyer explained that consultants are currently working on conceptual concepts for the North and Southbank Riverwalks. She shared a powerpoint presentation that she put together with ideas for Friendship Fountain and the Times Union Performing Arts Center.

Anna Dooley announced that Greenscape is hosting an Arbor Day Festival on March 24th at the Fairgrounds.

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

**Meeting Adjourned:** 5:16 p.m.

**Minutes:** Minutes completed by Nicole Spradley, ECA District 5, on Friday, February 8, 2018.

cc: Council Members/Staff

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