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**Update on Boating Guide / Website**

Subsequent to the February 2018, Waterways Commission meeting, I have completed the following tasks in regarding the creation of a website designed with the purpose of assisting boaters and other individuals in the city of Jacksonville with finding water related activities:

- On March 13, 2018, I met with Joy Bradley, Sherry Maguire, and the IT Department of the City of Jacksonville in regards to the creation of the website. I was updated on the status of the website. I was walked through numerous sections of the website in regards to parks, boating, entertainment, arts and cultural, and related amenities. There was a lot of discussion regarding the amenities pages for each physical site, particularly in relation to the parks and boat ramp sites. I was informed that the website is not available for review to the general public or others as it is still in the developmental stage. The IT Department needs feedback on the amenities for each physical site. They suggested that this information come not only from myself, but from Councilwoman Boyer, and Darrell Joseph and Brian Burkett from the City Parks Department. We need to decide if the amenities as currently established for the parks and waterways are sufficient enough to go live with the website. I was informed that it takes a couple of months for the IT Department to finalize the website. I discussed with the individuals that the inability to pull the website up and browse it at my own pace prevents me from giving a lot of possible other input as to what may make the website more efficient or more informative. As such it is my belief that once the couple of questions are answered in regards to the amenities, we should ask the IT Department to push the completion of the website and let it go live, if nothing else but for the benefit of the Waterways Commission members. At that time all of us may view and browse the website. We can then come back and have a meeting and get everyone's input as to how we can possibly make the website more informative or easier to use. The IT Department seems comfortable with that suggestion.
- Subsequent to the February 2018, meeting, I spoke with individuals at the Tax Collector's Office in regards to mailing out a flyer in the registration renewal notices that are sent from the Tax Collector to those individuals owning boats. Boaters must renew their registration every one (1) to two (2) years. I thought it a great way to get information about the website to the individual boaters. I was informed on March 13, 2018, that they could not put any more flyers into the mail because of postage costs and perhaps other reasons. In speaking with the individual at the Tax Collector's Office, I implored her to understand the importance of the notice to the boaters and that this was probably one of the best manners with which to reach out to them. I also reminded her that we are an arm of the City government and are "working on the same team." She informed me that she would go have another talk with Mr. Corrigan in regard to these matters and would get back with me.

Respectfully submitted,

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