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

**Friday, August 10, 2018 at 10:00 a.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, Daryl Joseph (Parks), Jim Suber (COJ), Bob Skalitzky (Parks), Jill Enz (Parks), James Richardson (EPB), Colin Moore (COJ), Susan Grandin (OGC), Joey Bergman (Sports and Entertainment), Renee Hunter (Real Estate) Nicole Spradley (ECA, District 5), Carol Harper (ECA, District 13)

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

**Meeting Convened:** 10:03 a.m.

Council Member Lori Boyer opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. She explained that this meeting is a continuation of the Water Activation meetings. A notice for the next meeting will be sent out next week.

Felicia Boyd, Timucuan Parks Foundation, provided a powerpoint presentation. She explained that the Foundation is a support system for the parks. The Foundation is working with the Florida Department of Health to highlight the healthy benefits of parks. A Therapeutic Parks Advisory Group has been created and Castaway Island Preserve will be the pilot project. The goal is to make the park more comfortable and usable for patients by providing better access, parking, benches and possibly pavilions for shade. She also discussed another long term project which includes bringing the parks to patients through virtual reality. A group in Fernandina is working on this. The Foundation has teamed up with Humana’s Go 365 employee wellness program and Groundwork Jacksonville’s youth program.

Council Member Boyer mentioned three opportunities for people to get involved: volunteering at parks, photography and working with Visit Jacksonville, and updating trail maps on the Florida Fish and Wildlife website for example the Great Florida Birding Trail.

Mark Middlebrook, Timucuan Park Foundation, mentioned that they are working on these items.

Mikki Baldwin provided an update on Mayport. She mentioned that they currently have designs for the docks, community and recreation center and a location for the OCEARCH vessel, Jacksonville University Office and museum. Part of the plan includes moving the JTA ferry office to the Mayport side of the river. The group has been working with OGC and Tallahassee on securing funding and possibly setting up a special taxing district. The goal is to have an informational festival in early November when the ferry relaunches.

Kay Ehas, Groundwork Jacksonville, provided a powerpoint presentation. She mentioned that Groundwork Jacksonville has partnered with the PATH Foundation and will present a final plan to the City Council in October. She shared the preliminary findings for the cost and length of the project which focuses on an area that they are calling the magic mile. Groundwork Jacksonville is working with WOOD. on the McCoy’s Creek restoration project and they have raised about 1/3 of funding needed to complete the project.

Council Member Boyer mentioned that the McCoy’s Creek ash remediation funding is in the CIP. Concept plans already exist and the trail project was part of the TPO projects. She has already spoken with the Mayor’s Administration to ensure that everyone works together on this project. She stressed the importance of advocacy and asked the audience to support the funding of this project in the City’s budget.

Colin Moore provided a report on the NOAA port stations. The results of the grant submission should be available next month. He mentioned that Jeff Sheffield, TPO, wants to continue this discussion and will keep it on the TPO’s agenda.

Daryl Joseph provided a parks update along with a powerpoint presentation. He explained that the Department has been moving forward with and completing some of the parks plans.

* The bridge connecting the City park and the National Park at Cedar Point Preserve has been completed.
* Many improvements to Exchange Island have been complete such as docks, picnic shelters and trails.
* Corkscrew Park has been completed.
* The Parks Department is now moving forward with the project at Betz Tiger Point which includes adding shelters, fishing platforms and restrooms.

The new Explore Jax tab on the City’s website will be discussed at the next water activation meeting.

Council Member Boyer mentioned that there are some projects in the FY 2018/2019 budget and FY 2019/2020 budget.

An audience member mentioned that the Tree Commission has funding available to enhance projects with trees.

Council Member Boyer provided a short update on the Downtown nodes. SWA, HR&A and Haskell have been tasked with designing a cohesive Riverwalk experience that includes the use of standardized materials and accent pieces with a color theme. Council Member Boyer hopes to have a completed list by the Fall.

Council Member Boyer addressed boating access and docking downtown.

Jim Suber explained that the City has opened as many dock slips that are safe to use.

At the next meeting Daryl Joseph will provide a dock update and Council Member Boyer will provide an update on Downtown.

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

**Meeting Adjourned:** 11:23 a.m.

**Minutes:** Minutes completed by Nicole Spradley, ECA District 5, on Monday, August 13, 2018.

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