**Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization**

**of Expenditures (TRUE) Commission**

**Niki Brunson – Chair**

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**September 26, 2018**

**1:00 p.m.**

**City Council Conference Room B**

**Suite 425, City Hall**

**Attendance:** Commissioners John Roberts (Chair), Daniel Henry, Niki Brunson (arr. 1:12)

**Also**: Jeff Clements – Council Research Division

See attached sign-in sheet for additional attendees.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Roberts said that his review of the documentation sent out electronically by staff earlier in the week seems to indicate that the consolidated City of Jacksonville appropriates considerably less to its park department than other Florida cities and counties and other large cities around the United States. The lack of funding for maintenance is borne out by his personal experience in visiting and evaluating the condition all of the parks in Planning District 2 for his CPAC.

The committee asked for a list (if one exists) of all the backlogged maintenance items that need to be rectified. How is that list compiled – citizen complaints? Regular scheduled inspections? Occasional inspections? Is there a threshold for items qualifying to be placed the list? How many parks are maintained by private organizations (athletic associations) and/or friends of the park volunteers? How much maintenance do those organizations do versus the City’s standard in parks it maintains? Does it vary contract by contract? Is there a list of all parks by activity mode (Mode 1, 2 and 3), by Parks and Rec maintenance zone and by Council district? How is completed maintenance work logged and recorded?

How are community centers and senior centers budgeted – separately from recreation centers? What about shared buildings (community center on one side, senior center on the other) – in which division’s budget are they covered, or are they split? Where are stand-alone community centers not located in parks budgeted?

Are the department’s maintenance needs distributed evenly across the city or concentrated in some areas versus others?

The committee asked department director Daryl Joseph to refer the committee to the person in overall charge of parks maintenance to come and discuss policies and procedures, tracking, resources, etc.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Jeff Clements, City Council Research Division

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