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**AMENDED**

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

**Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 1:30 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, Brian Burket (Parks), Daryl Joseph (Parks), Jim Suber (COJ), Bob Skalitzky (Parks), Jill Enz (Parks), Colin Moore (COJ), Susan Grandin (OGC), Renee Hunter (Real Estate), Nicole Spradley (ECA, District 5), Kenneth Lathrop (ITD), Amy Ingles (Planning Dept.), Sherry McGuire (ITD), Ian Boswell (ITD), Joy Bradley-Walker (ITD), and Margie Petraglia (Neighborhoods)

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

**Meeting Convened:** 1:36 p.m.

Council Member Lori Boyer opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. She explained that this meeting is a continuation of the Water Activation meetings and thanked everyone for working together peacefully over the last year.

Sherry McGuire and IT staff provided a tutorial of the City’s new Explore Jax webpage. The general public can provide comments and feedback by emailing Sherry at [smcguire@coj.net](mailto:smcguire@coj.net).

Council Member Boyer provided a powerpoint presentation about Downtown projects including McCoy’s Creek, a road project connecting McCoy’s creek to Brooklyn; the Southbank Riverwalk and overland loop; the St. Johns River Park and Friendship Fountain; Southbank docks and ramps; Northbank landscaping and wayfaring signage; updating the Downtown Design Standards; visitor center and light show at the Times Union Center.

Jill Enz provided a powerpoint and discussed the River Park design standards, Riverwalk wayfaring, landscaping, hardscaping and site furnishings. New plantings will be installed in Geffen Park this November and wayfaring signage is expected to be installed March 2019.

Council Member Boyer mentioned that this is the perfect opportunity for a group such as AIA to sponsor a competition to design the featured sculptures for the Riverwalk.

Bob Skalitzky provided an update on downtown dock repairs. A powerpoint presentation was provided that included a list of 17 docks that have been repaired post hurricane Irma. He explained that all dock damage created by Hurricane Matthew will be bid out by Spring 2019 and Hurricane Irma dock damage will be bid out by Summer 2019.

Council Member Boyer pointed out that the repairs have been slow because the City has been working with FEMA on funding and that there is a shortage of firms that can repair the damage since the Hurricanes swept through the entire state of Florida.

Brian Burket provided a powerpoint presentation to show the before and after photos of recent Parks projects including:

* Bert Maxwell Boat ramp – pier replacement
* Hood Landing Boat ramp – renovations to the marina area
* Northshore Park – kayak launch
* Charles Reese Memorial Park – new fishing pier and future kayak launch
* Jim King Park – dock modifications currently under construction
* Timucuan Trail – segment from the Ferry to Huguenot is currently under construction
* Huguenot Memorial Park – reopened, new picnic shelters, beach access by road to be completed Spring 2019

Council Member Boyer suggested hosting grand openings with the Mayor at these park locations.

Mark Middlebrook, Timucuan Parks Foundation, mentioned that he is conducting interviews now regarding the Great Florida Birding Trail and will have additional information at a later date.

Felicia Boyed, Timucuan Parks Foundation, briefly discussed the beacons and wellness trail. The powerpoint presentation contains a map of the beacon locations and information regarding the wellness program through Humana GO365.

Colin Moore provided update information on the Core to Coast Designation. He explained that a resolution asking the East Coast Greenway Alliance to add a new segment to the trail was approved by City Council at the last City Council meeting. He provided a powerpoint slide with a map of the route. He mentioned that the East Coast Greenway Alliance will vote on this in December. He anticipates that 60% of this trail will be complete by 2025.

Council Member Boyer suggested that everyone write letters of support and send them to the East Coast Greenway Alliance. She offered to add additional information to the Water Activation website.

Margo Moehring, Northeast Regional Council, provided a handout regarding the Regional Action Plan. She explained that seven counties met and created a matrix of assets for the Northeast Florida region. Funding is needed to create an app for the public to use to help plan a trip to the region.

Jill Enz showed a rendering of the potential rowing center located at the DCF property along the Arlington River. The City is working on making a formal agreement with the State to swap land.

Council Member Boyer expects the plan to be executed between now and December or January 2019.

Jim Alabiso discussed swimming in the river and the recent Up the River Downtown Swim Race. He mentioned that over 2,000 athletes swam in competitions in the St. Johns River since June 2018 and that swimmers traveled her from all over the country and internationally to compete.

Council Member Boyer discussed the Hogan’s Creek lawsuit settlement. She explained that Hogan’s Creek, not McCoy’s Creek, was the main focus of the water activation initiative years ago, but a lawsuit over contamination put it on hold. The settlement agreement designates the area as a brownfield site for development. Efforts can be refocused on the creek again and remediation funding is available.

Council Member Boyer provided a post budget summary and mentioned some of the projects related to water activation listed on the CIP list for FY 2018-19 and the future.

Council Member Boyer asked the audience if they were aware of any tributary locations that once were dredged or need to be dredged and to send those locations to her.

A few upcoming events were announced at the meeting.

* October 20th – Ribbon cutting at the Trout River Boat Ramp
* October 20th – free tree give away in San Marco hosted by Greenscape
* November – free tree give away on Moncrief hosted by Greenscape
* April – big tree giveaway hosted by Greenscape
* November 10th – McCoy’s Creek Fest at 11am – 1pm at McCoy’s Creek Blvd at Stockton Street

At the next meeting Council Member Boyer will provide information about her trip to Tulsa’s Riverfront Park.

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

**Meeting Adjourned:** 3:23 p.m.

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

cc: Council Members/Staff

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