

City of Jacksonville

*1st Floor - Council Chamber
117 W. Duval Street*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 26, 2020

11:30 AM

Virtual Meeting

Special Committee on Social Justice and Community Investment

*CM Matt Carlucci, Co-Chair
CM Brenda Priestly Jackson, Co-Chair*

Meeting Convened: 11:31 am Meeting Adjourned: 12:45 pm

Attendance:

Committee Members: Co-Chair Priestly Jackson and Co-Chair Carlucci; CMs Boylan, DeFoor, Salem, Newby and White

Also: CMs Gaffney and Pittman

I. Introductions

Co-Chair Priestly Jackson welcomed the group and called for introductions. All committee members were in attendance.

- II. **Proposed Legislation for Consideration and Funding and by Council Members**
 - A. **CM Sam Newby-Safety and Crime Reduction Commission-Operation Boost**
Funding Requested: \$200,000
Noticed Meeting Date: 10/22/20
 - B. **CM Randy DeFoor and CM Randy White-Code Enforcement, Neighborhood Blight and Clean-up Pilot Program**
Funding Requested:
Noticed Meeting Date: 10/9/20
 - C. **CM Michael Boylan and CM Ron Salem-Equitable Access to Healthcare and Local Free Clinics and Mental Health Services for those Convicted of Misdemeanors**
Funding Requested: \$212,000
Notice Meeting Date: 10/28/2020
 - D. **CM Matt Carlucci-Teen Court program**
Funding Requested: \$140,000 to expand the Teen Court program through KHA
Noticed Meeting Date: 10/1/2020
 - E. **CM JuCoby Pittman-Teen Tennis Program for Young People At Risk**
Funding Requested:
Noticed Meeting Date:
 - F. **CM Reggie Gaffney-Roof and Restoration for Old Stanton**
Funding Requested:
Noticed Meeting Date:
 - G. **Other Legislative Concerns of CMs**
Funding Requested:
Noticed Meeting Date:
 - H. **CM Brenda Priestly Jackson-Policy and Legislation Infrastructure and Jobs Program**
Discussion

CM Newby talked about his legislation regarding the BOOST program, which will provide workforce training scholarships in an effort to reduce crime and recidivism. There was a noticed meeting held on 10.22.2020 and the appropriation ask is \$200,000.

CMs DeFoor and White said they are still in the data collection phase of their plan for a neighborhood improvement pilot project, looking at historical studies and neighborhood needs. CM DeFoor noted that many of the studies are outdated.

CM Salem talked about the mental health diversion program he has been discussing with JSO, SAO and Judge Mahan. The appropriation ask is \$212,000 with a match of \$200,000 from JSO. CM Boylan talked about his coordination with local clinics on a preventative care health access plan, the details of which are still being discussed but the estimated appropriation ask is \$200,000. There will be a noticed meeting phone call on Wednesday, October 28, 2020.

CM Carlucci talked about his legislation regarding Teen Court, for which there was a noticed meeting on October 1, 2020. The appropriation ask is \$140,000 which will go

towards adding two more case managers who can service more children. CM Carlucci asked Mr. Weinstein, KHA, to draft a Teen Court program summary and he said he would do so by this Friday.

CM Pittman spoke about the sports complex project at Clanzel Brown Park, for which the appropriation ask is \$250,000 for park maintenance and after school programming for 100 more kids.

CM Gaffney talked about the Historic Stanton building, which is in dire need of repairs. The appropriation ask is \$300,000 but there are obstacles - title issues and structural concerns with the roof and top floors. CM Priestly Jackson asked if some funds could go towards expediting the title process. CMs Gaffney and Pittman talked about the historical importance of the building, which is nationally recognized and special to local residents. CMs DeFoor, Salem and Carlucci commented on the significance of historical landmarks for the city. CM Carlucci asked about the history of the building, and Ms. Sidman, OGC, said that she will send out the landmark legislation that contains the background and photos. It was recommended that CM Gaffney work with the Historical Preservation Society, who may be able to assist with getting state funding.

CM Gaffney also talked about working with local pastors on a faith based community emergency response to crime. Pastor White spoke briefly about mentors, housing and violence reduction. They will provide a written proposal at the next meeting.

CM Priestly Jackson said she will have some information next meeting about a legislative proposal for septic tank remediation, and that there will be a workshop at that November 9th meeting about a City funded jobs program targeted towards specific populations - possibly those in poverty, ex-offenders, and/or those without HS diplomas. CM Salem asked if it would just be better to give more funds to existing programs. These topics will be further examined at the workshop meeting.

CM Priestly Jackson told the group that, when ready, all of the committee members legislative proposals will be incorporated into one bill labeled 'as recommended by the SJCIC' which will go before full council for a vote.

III. Miscellaneous Concerns

It was requested that staff distribute a bi-weekly listing of all noticed meeting by committee members on related legislation.

CM Boylan spoke briefly about some issues at the Canvassing Board related to privacy and transparency in the review of ballots. CM Boylan explained that observers and the media will be able to see the ballots, but any identifying information will be redacted. CM Priestly Jackson highlighted the need for transparency, the optics of not being transparent and noted the lack of diversity among Canvassing Board members.

The next meetings will be November 6, 2020 and December 7, 2020.

IV. Public Comments (as time permits)

One attendee spoke about community and social engagement, one spoke about structural racism, and one spoke about volunteerism and the fundraising campaign for the Junior League.

CM Priestly Jackson talked about the committee charge and also about how the public is an integral part of the committee's work.

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