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3:30 pm

Minutes

CM Pittman's District 8 Community Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: ZOOM mtg

Attendees: Dinah Mason, JSEB, Michael Chao- Code Compliance, Daryl Joseph Parks & Recreation Department, Steve Herczeg - ITD, Carrence Bass – Elder Source, Renee Goode - JEA, Darryl Willie – Duval County School Board, Lt. Paris - JSO

Meeting convened: 6:00 p.m.

Council Member Ju'Coby Pittman started the meeting off by welcoming all of the guest and speakers.

Daryl Joseph, Parks & Recreation gave an update on the various events and things happening in Parks and Recreation. The Parks Dept. consist of Senior, Social, Parks and Special events. The date for the Annual Jacksonville Jazz Festival will be moving to the first weekend in October, the Special Events Department is working with CM Pittman to produce the Emancipation Celebration Day Event on Thursday, May 20th this will be an all-day event. More information will be available as planning continues.

Clanzel Brown – has a joint use agreement with A. Phillip Randolph for the use of their football field; by adding the use of this field for various sports this will allow up to turn Clanzel Brown Park into a sports complex. The Boys and Girls Club will begin having summer youth programming at the community center this summer. Clanzel Brown Park is also having Jacksonville's first ever outside covered basketball court.

Riverview Park- A new boat ramp is being designed for this park. Renovations are underway....Carvill Park facilities is changing to a Senior Center; and Moncrief Senior Center will become a Head Start facility. Senior centers may open back up either this summer or late fall. A lot of the centers are being used as COVID-19 testing facilities or vaccine sites



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City of Jacksonville Summer camp programs for 2021 start June 21st through July 30th.

Renee Goode, JEA – District 8 Septic Tanks top 3 phase out projects are: Beverly Hills with 742 lots, Christobel with 509 lots and Riverview with 1,812 lots.

Throughout the city of Jacksonville there are: 22,422 septic tank lots that need to be phased out.

Goode explained what steps are currently happening with the phase out project in District 8. She also explained the delays and costs for the projects. And how the criteria and formulas are used to select which areas would be worked on first and how they are graded.

In the Beverly Hills phase out there will have to be some water lines replaced as well. The Beverly Hills project is so large it was split into two separate projects an east project and a west project.

JEA is presently working on Beverly Hills west. An upcoming meeting is being scheduled to start the Beverly Hills East project.

Goode said to replace all 35 areas on the list it will take billions of dollars.

For Septic Tank removal information please email or call Renee Goode at goodrr@JEA.com or call 904 665-5348

Darryl Willie, DCSB – Schools are open 15 – 20% of students are still doing in home learning. Duval County Schools are still following the CDC guidelines with masks and social distancing. Teachers and staff have been given the opportunity to go and get vaccinated.

½ cent sales tax - Money (\$6 or \$7 million) is starting to come in. The Oversight Committee meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the Schultz Center to discuss and plan how the money will be spent.

Rutledge Pearson Elementary School will be the first school to be renovated. A lot of the ½ cent tax dollars will be spent in districts 7, 8, 9 and 10.

The school board would like to use city vendors for the renovations to help keep the money in the City of Jacksonville.



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Confederate School name changes – go through the following process: #1 community input and conversations, #2 Superintendent makes a recommendation to school board, #3 school board will vote sometime in June based on the superintendent's recommendations.

6 schools in Jacksonville are named after confederate soldiers; that's half of all of the Confederate School names in the state of Florida.

African American History book (local) - A local African American history book is being developed and they are looking for contributors with local history information.

2021 Summer School Program - summer school will happen, at this time Mr. Willie was not sure which schools will have it.

New schools- There are several new charter schools in the north Jacksonville area: Kipp School K – 9 off of I-95 and Golfair, Idea Academy near Lem Turner, Becoming Collegiate Academy near gateway.

Lt. Paris , JSO Zone 5 stats

Homicide 29 , abductions/ kidnappings 2 , rapes 18, home invasions 2, robberies 37, Car jackings 5, business robberies 8 , aggravated battery 339, arson 6, burglaries to residence 185, burglaries to businesses 94, auto theft 162, auto burglaries 154, grand theft 55 etc.... most of the numbers are on average with previous years.

Initiatives JSO is working on: A Community Survey – JSO is getting input from the community on various topics, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, Prescription Drugs Take Back event.

Bridging the Gap - JSO is pairing officers with youth in the community.

Shot Spotters program received 356 activations of gun fire (really high) in Zone 5.

Michael Chao, Code Compliance - Mr. Chao explained what Code Compliance does as a department. In District 8 Code Enforcement has done over 8,000 inspections. Some of the areas were Moncrief, Gran Park, Lake Forest, and Midwest area.



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Code Enforcement demolished 19 structures in District 8, with 19 board ups. FYI...Move outs with furniture left out on the curb is a code violation and Code Enforcement will begin enforcing that city code.

Code Compliance has started a new program where citizens in need can request assistance to help correct potential code violations. The program can be used for demos, nuisance abatements, overgrowth, dead trees, anything code compliance deals with.

Stephen Herczeg, ITD – Explained his partnership with CM Pittman and her district cleanup project, Herczeg's office is developing a digital map application showing the target areas for cleanup sites within the district. Areas will be plotted on the map by using the questionnaires distributed to the District 8 constituents.

Mr. Herczeg visually demonstrated how the site would look and work and what the questionnaire looks like.

CM Pittman stated she would like to increase the District 8 Ambassadors membership to 100 ambassadors. The program will meet quarterly in a park to share information with neighbors and friends.

Dinah Mason, JSEB – Ms. Mason explained the new and exciting changes happening with the JSEB program; making better opportunities for small businesses. One of the goals is to increase participation in the program. Mason discussed what changes have been made to improve and help increase participation in the program. Currently the office is working on producing a video to introduce new JSEB businesses to the city, and to explain how to do business with the city as a vendor. Currently the JSEB program is in need of Professional services, as well as, architects, lawn service, food service, carpentry, suppliers, janitorial and electricians

Carrence Bass, Elder Affairs - explained what the Council of Elder Affairs does and how they work with the council members assisting seniors in the district.



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Mrs. Bass talked about a new senior's program called Age Friendly Jacksonville initiative.

For more information on senior services and programs email Carrence Bass at cbass@coj.net

One of the events Elder Affairs is working with is taking seniors to the ballpark to watch the Jacksonville Shrimp play for free. More info 904 255-5667

There are a few openings on the Council of Elder Affairs board if you're interested call 904 255-5413. The Council on Elder Affairs is a 2 year commitment

Council Member Pittman's District Announcements

CM Pittman asked that everyone attending the meeting help spread the word about the dangers of Retention Ponds.

She invited businesses to sign up for Discovery District 8 to highlight and promote your business in district.

CM Pittman encouraged everyone to get vaccinated.

CM Pittman spoke about developing a historical trail in District 8, and changing the name of JP Small Park to Hank Aaron Field at JP Small Park. This was done in honor of the great baseball legend Hank Aaron who once played at this baseball park.

Pastor Henry's Ministerial Alliance Food Giveaway Saturday, May 15th @ 3416 Moncrief Rd.

Questions:

Dr. Bryant – announced that the Bradham-Brooks library is celebrating their 30th year anniversary. Seniors wanting to participate can call 904 305-2805

Council Member Morgan – reminded everyone of the Safer Together Workshops happening on Saturdays from 9:30am- 11:30am

Velma Roundsville: Requested the list of septic tanks phase out projects be sent to the residents.



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Michael Chao gave notice that code compliance will be out to inspect the Trout River/ Lem Turner areas.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45 p.m.

Minutes: Completed by Mercedes Parker, District 8 ECA, on Wednesday, June 9, 2021.

***The written minutes for this meeting are only an overview of what was discussed.
For verbatim comments for this meeting, please listen to the audio recording.***

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