

City of Jacksonville

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 14, 2021

4:00 PM

Council Chambers 1st Floor, City Hall

Special Committee on Social Justice and Community Investment

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

Meeting Convened: 4:03 pm Meeting Adjourned: 4:57 pm

Attendance:

Committee Members Priestly Jackson (Co-Chair), Carlucci (Co-Chair), Salem, Newby, Boylan, and White

Excused: CM DeFoor

Also: CM Gaffney; Peggy Sidman, Office of General Counsel; Phillip Peterson, Council Auditor's Office; Colleen Hampsey, Council Research

I. Introductions

Chair Priestly Jackson welcomed the group and called for introductions.

II. SJCIC Budget and Balance – Hilltop Apartments

Since the committee began, roughly \$2.9 million dollars have been directed to social justice projects and programs. Phillip Peterson told the committee that there was \$190,399 remaining in the SJCIC contingency. The committee discussed how to address the remaining funds. Peggy Sidman said that she has drafted legislation sponsored by CM Pittman that appropriates \$100,000 to go towards Hilltop Apartment residents to assist with relocation due to unsafe,unhealthy living conditions. The remaining funds listed by Mr. Peterson already accounted for those funds. CM White suggested amending the appropriation to make it \$140,399 to go to the Hilltop residents and that would leave \$150,000 in the SJCIC contingency. The legislation will be co-introduced by CM White and co-sponsored by all SJCIC members. The committee agreed unanimously through a hand vote.

It was suggested that the remaining \$150,000 could be returned to CM Gaffney to use in his district for varied projects. It was also suggested that the funds be put into a discretionary account to be allocated to social justice related projects by the council president. Ms. Sidman will draft legislation to describe how the funds will be housed and managed. The committee will incorporate the intent for the funds into the final report.

III. SJCIC Final Report Review – Project reporting dates

There was a discussion about reporting dates for the organizations who received SJCIC funds, which are laid out in each contract. In addition to those dates, the council members want narrative/anecdotal accounts of program outcomes from each entity. The contract reporting dates, along with any other sustainable source of program funding, will be listed in the final report.

CM Carlucci said that he will speak to the Administration about whether SJCIC funded programs will receive continued funding in the new FY 21-22 budget (Teen Court, MHOP etc.). CM Boylan noted that the budget process has already begun and that any organization wanting City funding should be looking ahead to the following year.

IV. Future Legislative Suggestions

This was the final meeting for this committee and it was expressed that the hope is that SJCIC priorities (especially equity) be considered and included in council strategic goals and in the actions of standing committees going forward.

The members thanked CM Priestly Jackson for all of her work as chair, and she said she hopes the SJCIC consciousness will carry on.

The Social Justice and Community Investment Committee has met 18 times over the last year, and 19 pieces of legislation have either been enacted or are in the midst of the standing committee process for the following projects:

- criminal justice diversion (Teen Court)
- mental health and recidivism (MHOP)
- accessible healthcare (Jax Care Connect)
- workforce training (BOOST!)
- after school/summer programs (Clanzel Brown Park)
- neighborhood blight (Brentwood Clean Up, Mary Lena Gibbs Community Center)
- law enforcement policies (Safer Together Workshops)
- entrepreneurship (Black Expo)
- mentoring (Mentor 2 Thrive, Quench the Violence, 5000 Role Models, Save Our Sons)
- literacy campaign (Literacy Pros of Jacksonville)
- historic building restoration (Stanton)
- emergency housing assistance (Hilltop Apartments)

The SJCIC final report will be submitted to the council president at the June 22, 2021 council meeting.

V. Public Comment (if time permits)

No public comment at this meeting.

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