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District 10 Southwest Community Meeting and Updates Hosted by Council Member Brenda Priestly Jackson

AMENDED

March 21, 2022

6:00 P.M.

Location: Webb Wesconnett Regional Library, 6887 103rd Street, Jacksonville, FL 32210

Attendees: CM Priestly Jackson, Dr. Charles Moreland, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Bill Joyce, Operations Director, Public Works; Daryl Joseph, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (additional attendees listed on sign-in sheet)

Meeting Convened: 6:02 P.M.

Council Member Priestly Jackson welcomed the neighbors, thanked them for attending and reviewed the meeting agenda.

Dr. Charles Moreland informed meeting attendees that residents are still dealing with Covid-19. The number in positive cases are declining as well as the number of individuals that are getting tested and vaccinated. He advised that the Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Road, Jacksonville, FL 32210, is open everyday for testing and vaccinations. There is no appointment necessary and no wait if neighbors would like to get tested. Dr. Moreland also mentioned funding in the Mortgage Relief Program is still available. The program is a city program where dollars were received from the U.S. Treasury for mortgage help. There was a decline of applicants and there is still about \$800,000 dollars available. The form is available on www.coj.net and additional flyers will be available for applicants through the Public Affairs department.

CM Priestly Jackson highlighted for the neighbors, based on information which was shared in a meeting with Dr. Moreland, that in District 10, 80 clients were approved for mortgage relief for a total of \$263,448.20 in funding. The Emergency Rental Assistance Program 1 (ERAP) was able to approve 339 neighbors for a total of \$2,128,931 in rental assistance and \$121,795.00 in utilities assistance. The second round through ERAP approved 260 neighbors for a total of \$1,357,530.00 in rental assistance and \$101,927.00 in utilities assistance.

Bill Joyce provided a summary of Public Works projects and activities related to roadway improvements, drainage system rehabilitation projects and micro-surfacing initiatives. Lenox Avenue sidewalk repairs have been completed and this is within the Old Middleburg Road to Memorial Park Boulevard limits.



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Ricker Road has a proposed 3-lane roadway improvement from Morse Avenue to Old Middleburg Road. The design is in the early phases and along with the real estate acquisition it will take 1 – 2 years to complete. The Will Branch dredge project includes dredging of Wills Branch from Old Middleburg Road to just south of Lane Avenue. Design is 100% complete and it is expected to advertise bids within the next 3 – 6 weeks. Drainage System Rehabilitation (DSR) projects include an outfall improvement at 3710 Faye Avenue West, which is in the early design phase. Also, an underdrain project from Jack Horner, Lane Avenue to Miss Muffet Lane. The notice to proceed has been issued and construction work is expected to begin shortly. There is a ditch bank restoration at Harlow Boulevard and Mother Hubbard Drive South which is in the early stages of design. Micro-Surfacing initiatives which are scheduled for completion by September 30, 2022 are: Corvair Avenue (from Falcon Street to Rambler Road), Falcon Street (from Ricker Road to Hillman Drive), Jacques Drive (from Fouraker Road to Lourdes Drive W.) and Rambler Road (from Ricker Road to Tempest Street). The Children's Center improvements at the Webb Wesconnett Regional Library have been completed and the re-opening was held on Saturday, March 19, 2022, which CM Priestly Jackson attended and read to the children.

Daryl Joseph informed residents that the Mayor and City Council approved \$50 million dollars in funding for park improvements. Jacksonville has over 400 parks, which is the largest in the United States. The funding will be used to focus the renovation existing facilities like playgrounds, restrooms and other park amenities. Melvin park will receive new playground equipment for the summer of 2022. The gym at Mary Lena Gibbs will receive \$500,000 in new renovations and the playground equipment will be replaced. Mr. Joseph advised an assessment was done and anything in poor condition was listed to be renovated. JaxParks has started certification and training dates are available to become a lifeguard. Jax River Jams will be held every Thursday in April at Riverfront Plaza in downtown. The River Jams are free concerts for the residents of Jacksonville to enjoy.

CM Priestly Jackson opened the meeting for questions from the neighbors to share additional concerns.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:00 P.M.

Minutes: Prepared by Kristen Hodges, Executive Council Assistant - District 10, 904-255-5146, klhodges@coj.net

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