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District 10 General Community Meeting and Updates
Hosted by Council Member Brenda Priestly Jackson
September 12, 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 - City of Jacksonville; Steve Long, Operations Director - City of Jacksonville, Public Works; Keith Meyer, Parks, Recreation and Community Services - City of Jacksonville. Chiquita Moore, Operations Director, Neighborhoods – City of Jacksonville.

Meeting Convened: 6:02 P.M.

Council Member Priestly Jackson welcomed the neighbors and thanked them for attending the meeting. CM Priestly Jackson.

Dr. Charles Moreland, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - City of Jacksonville, Dr. Moreland gave District 10 neighbors an update on Emergency Rental and Utilities Assistance program. To the date of this meeting, the program has assisted 836 District 10 neighbors with rental assistance totaling \$5.2M and another \$218,000 in utilities assistance was distributed. The ERAP application reopened Wednesday, November 30th at 8:00am and remained open until Monday, December 5, 2022, at 5:00pm. Dr. Moreland encourage neighbors to prepare for the winter season early to stay ahead of the game.

Mr. Will Williams, Operations Director - City of Jacksonville, provided a summary of Public Works projects and activities related to roadway improvements, drainage system rehabilitation projects and micro- surfacing initiatives. Some of the projects highlighted are below.

- 5th Street Bridge Replacement (West of Edgewood, next to JEA Lift Station)
- Ricker Rd (3-lane section Morse Ave to Old Middleburg Rd)
- Wills Branch Dredge – dredging Wills Branch between Old Middleburg Road to 2,200 feet east of Lane Avenue
- Firestone Rd / Wheat Rd Intersection Improvements.

- Biltmore Neighborhood Septic Tank Phase Out is near completion
- Sidewalk repairs will start in January for District 10

Keith Meyerl, Chief of Recreation and Community Programing— Parks, Recreation and Community Services - City of Jacksonville, provided an update on park projects in District 10. He mentioned that his department was gearing up for a mass hiring of lifeguards for the following year. He also informed neighbors that \$1.6M in project in District 10. The funding will be used to focus on the renovations existing facilities like playgrounds, restrooms, and other park amenities in the upcoming year.

Ms. Chiquita Moore, Operations Director, Neighborhoods – City of Jacksonville. Ms. Moore informed the neighbors of the many resources the city of Jacksonville’s neighborhoods department offers. **Emergency Repair Program (ERP)**, An owner-occupied repair program that resolves immediate threats to life and safety. Eligible activities are replacement or repair of heating and air conditioning, falling ceiling repair, replacement or repair of water heaters, electrical components that pose an imminent fire hazard, structural components showing signs of imminent collapse, and ADA accessibility. The maximum assistance available for each home is \$12,000 and is subject to funding limitations. **Limited Repair Program (LRP)**, A general home repair program which focuses on bringing homes up to code. The maximum assistance available for each home is \$55,000 and is subject to funding limitations. The home must be in need of repairs that, if left unattended, could pose a threat to the family's health and safety or the home has to have been cited by the Municipal Code Compliance Division. Due to high demand, there is usually an extensive waiting list. Names will be placed on the list as long as it remains open and serviced on a first come, first served basis. **Utility Tap in Program (UTIP)**, Connects personal residences to city sewer and waterlines (if available), repair or replacement of failed septic tanks, drain fields, or wells, ADA accessibility for bathrooms, and the repair or replacement of outdated galvanized pipes. The maximum assistance available for each home is \$55,000 and is subject to funding limitations. **Head start to Homeownership Program (H2H)**, Offers financial assistance up to \$50,000 to provide down payment and closing costs assistance to eligible individuals or families who are interested in purchasing a home. The H2H program is subject to funding limitations. The total gross household income cannot exceed 120% of the area median income for Duval County as established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. **Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program (JAR)**, The purpose is to facilitate a means of compliance to those who would otherwise be unable to achieve it due to disability or economic disadvantages. The Program’s objective is to provide the abatement services required at no cost to those citizens who qualify, thereby achieving compliance and beautification of the city while not unduly burdening its most vulnerable citizens. Citizens may check eligibility via COJ.net - Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program. Citizens may qualify either through a disability or income.

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

Meeting Adjourned: 7:07 P.M.

Minutes: Prepared by Markello Spivey, Executive Council Assistant - District 10, 904-255-5146, Mspivey@coj.net

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