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

April 3, 2023
6:00 P.M.

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

Attendees: **CM Brenda A. Priestly Jackson**, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - City of Jacksonville; **Daryl Joseph**, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services - City of Jacksonville. **Chiquita Moore**, Director of Neighborhoods – City of Jacksonville.

Meeting Convened: 6:09 P.M.

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

Dr. Charles Moreland, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - City of Jacksonville, Dr. Moreland thanked CM Priestly Jackson for her leadership over the last 4 years in district 10. He went on to give a summary of District 10 projects and assistance given to district 10 neighbors. The Emergency Rental and Utilities Assistance program has assisted 838 District 10 neighbors with rental assistance totaling \$5.2M and another \$218,000 in utilities assistance was distributed. Rehabilitation of 78 homes in district 10, totaling \$1.7m. There was a total of 68 new homeowners created because of the assistance of Head start to Homeownership Program.

Dr. Moreland also provided a summary of Public Works completed projects and activities related to roadway improvements, drainage system rehabilitation projects and micro- surfacing initiatives. Some of the projects highlighted are below.

- Sidewalk repairs for District 10
- Biltmore Neighborhood Septic Tank Phase Out completion.
- Guardrail safety upgrades
- Graceland bridge upgrades
- Webb Wesconnect Library Child center
- 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

Mr. Daryl Joseph, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services - City of Jacksonville, provided a summary of park and recreation projects in District 10 and activities throughout the city of Jacksonville. Senior Fish-a-thon this Friday, April 7, 2023, at Hanna Park. Jax River Jams are back every Thursday for the month of April. He mentioned that his department was gearing up for a mass hiring of lifeguards for the following year. Swimming lessons start the week of Memorial Day. District 10 has over \$1.6M in the current project. The funding will be used to focus on the renovations of existing facilities like playgrounds, restrooms, and other park amenities in the upcoming year. Lonnie Miller Park will receive a slash pad—kids water park.

Ms. Chiquita Moore, Director of Neighborhoods – City of Jacksonville. Ms. Moore gave a summary of the assistance the city's neighborhoods department has delivered to district 10 neighbors over the last 4 years. MyJax/630-CITY received a total of 81,768 requests for service and, to date, 75,966 have been successfully resolved. This is a direct reflection of how effectively our team works with other departments throughout the city to address citizen concerns.

Emergency Repair Program, an owner-occupied repair program that resolves immediate threats to life and safety. The maximum assistance available for each home is \$12,000 and is subject to funding limitations. The program has rehabilitated 78 homes for a total of \$1,795,573. Head start to Homeownership Program 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 program has assisted 63 new homeowners in district 10 for a total of \$1,052,397.

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

Meeting Adjourned: 7:02 P.M.

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

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