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Noticed Meeting Minutes

CM Ken Amaro's October Town Hall Meeting

Monday, October 23, 2023, 6:00 PM.

Topic: This Town Hall Meeting is to provide a forum to continue ongoing discussions of various issues within District 1 between Council Member Ken Amaro and the constituents of District 1.

Location: River City Baptist Church 6801 Merrill Rd Jacksonville FL, 32211

Attendance: Council Member Ken Amaro (District 1), Joe Johnson, (ECA City Council District 1), Nina Sickler (Director of Public Works), Daryl Joseph (Director of Parks and Recreation), Karen Nasrallah (Office of Economic Development), and community stakeholders and constituents of City Council District 1.

CM Ken Amaro: CM Amaro opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance and gave a short overview of the agenda. CM Amaro then introduced the Senior Pastor of River City Baptist Church, Byran Samms, for short remarks and to give the opening invocation, and CM Amaro led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.



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Karen Nasrallah, Office of Economic Development: Spoke on the Renew Arlington CRA and efforts to advertise grants and funding available to businesses to get their properties up to the new requirements of the CRA before the 2025 deadline.

Daryl Joseph, Director of Parks and Recreation: Updated constituents on efforts to update equipment at Blue Cypress, spoke on status of parks within District 1 to include Victory Park.

Nina Sickler, Director of Public Works: Spoke on various projects throughout District 1, to include the roundabout at Tredinick Pkwy and Lone Star Road as well as current status of when the project would commence.

Ken Amaro, Council Member District 1: CM Amaro acknowledged Jacksonville University on a Successful Homecoming Weekend this past weekend, as well as Celebrate Arlington for a successful event back on Friday and Saturday, September 22-23, 2023. CM Amaro spoke on the status of the Regency Square Mall and a conversation he had earlier in the day with the potential buyers, Blackwater Development. CM Amaro also covered requests for a school zone for the IDEA St John's Bluff charter school along University Blvd and that one would be put in. CM Amaro also discussed the denial 2023-433 and 2023-434, related to 926 Arlington Rd, the Atlantis Events Center. CM Amaro also discussed his appointment as Vice Chair to the new Special Committee on Homelessness. Also discussed other subjects such as Norman Studios, Empire Point and traffic calming efforts in the neighborhood initiated by the residents, desire to see Victory Park revitalized, and the opening of Winn Dixie and the College Park complex.

Public Comment: Questions and comments were taken from the audience regarding a variety of issues, ranging from blight, roads and infrastructure, and parks.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:32 PM



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Minutes: Minutes Completed by Joe Johnson, ECA District 1, Completed on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 2:00pm.

The written minutes for this meeting are only an overview of what was discussed. For verbatim comments for this meeting, please view a recording of the meeting by going to the following link:

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