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Noticed Meeting Minutes

CM Ken Amaro's October Town Hall Meeting

Monday, April 22, 2024, 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: Moran Center at Jacksonville University 2800 University Blvd N Jacksonville, FL 32211

Attendance: Council Member Ken Amaro (District 1), Joe Johnson (ECA City Council District 1), Saralyn Grass (Kids Hope Alliance CEO), Rachel Zimmer (KHA), Nina Sickler (Director of Public Works), Doug Burnett (Applicant for 2024-231), Joyce Morgan (Duval County Property Appraiser), and community stakeholders and constituents of City Council District 1.

Scott Bacon, VP of External Affairs at JU: Welcomed those in attendance for coming tonight as well as visiting JU. Gave an overview of JU's commitment to the community. Introduced CM Amaro.

CM Ken Amaro: CM Amaro opened by welcoming those in attendance and gave a short overview of the agenda. CM Amaro then did the opening invocation, and Jimmy Corsey, District 1 constituent, led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.



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Saralyn Grass, CEO of Kids Hope Alliance: Gave an overview of what KHA offers for the community, specifically in Distirct 1, spoke about summer programs, and other opportunities for kids to be engaged. Took questions and comments from the audience.

Nina Sickler, Director of Public Works: Spoke on various projects throughout District 1, to include work being done in the medians throughout District 1, tree trimming, and the planned connection at Tredinick Pkwy and Lone Star Road as well as current status of when the project would commence. Took questions and comments from the audience.

Doug Burnett, Applicant for 2024-231: Mr. Burnett presented to the members present the proposed PUD for 6200 Ft Caroline Rd. He discussed the desire to allow for RV and boat storage at the location, which is already a storage unit complex. Took questions and comments from the audience. Several members of the community asked questions of the project as well as voiced opposition and concerns to the proposal.

Ken Amaro, Council Member District 1: CM Amaro spoke on various median improvements in District 1, touch on tree trimming mentioned by Ms. Sickler and the desire to see this expand county-wide in the FY2024-2025 budget. CM Amaro also touched based on several code compliance issues that were brought to his attention and that his office would follow up on them. He emphasized that his office notices something that may be out of compliance, they will get in touch with Code Enforcement to inform them of the issue.

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: 7:15 PM



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Minutes:Minutes Completed by Joe Johnson, ECA District 1, Completed on Wednesday, April 24, 2023 at 2:30pm.

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: https://jaxcityc.granicus.com/player/clip/5677?view_id=1&redirect=true

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