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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Location: Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave, Jacksonville FL 32218

Meeting Date: November 14, 2024

Meeting Time: 6:00pm

Meeting Attendance: Council Member Mike Gay, District 2; Council Member Reggie Gaffney Jr., District 8; Terrence Harvey, OGC.

Meeting Convened: 6:00 P.M.

I. Welcome

Council Member Mike Gay called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees to the notice meeting.

II. Jacksonville Public Library Presentation

Architect, Chris Kaye, of PQH Design Group, shared conceptual renderings of the future library to be built on New Berlin Road. The 30,000 square foot library will feature numerous meeting and study rooms with flexible space arrangements and a Children's program room. There will be dedicated areas for Children and Teens. Efforts are being made to save most of the large live oak trees on the site. This portion of the meeting ended and public Q&A began on the topic.

III. Legislation Discussion

Councilman Gay began the legislation discussion portion of the Noticed meeting where he dove into the details of Ordinance 2024-0851 and how it originated due to the unique components that the Northeast region includes. Areas such as Black Hammock Island, Pumpkin Hill, Kingsly Plantation, Huguenot Park, Brower Point etc. These include preserves and waterways.

Councilman Gay stated we need to have a connection with our community to ensure they have a voice when it comes to developments. He expressed the need for community involvement and awareness. 2024-0851 would allow the community to make up a Northeast Development Review Board which would hold meetings at a convenient time, in consideration of schedules such as work and school. Requirements for board members would include being a resident of the community for five years or longer. This will ensure the individuals which make up the board are informed and can relate to their communities with a joint goal of future developments being conducive and the best situation for all. Councilman deeply expressed his desire to enhance the quality of life through this review board.

Councilman Gaffney Jr. voiced his approval and support of 2024-0851, adding that this legislation would give the communities a voice. He stated there is no one better to sit at the table than those within the District. Councilman Gaffney Jr. told those in attendance that he and Councilman Gay held the Noticed meeting to hear feedback from the community and answer any questions they may have.

IV. Questions and Answers

Councilman Gay and Councilman Gaffney Jr. opened the Q&A portion of the meeting where several spoke in strong support of this legislation.

V. Closing Remarks

Councilman Gay and Councilman Gaffney Jr. thanked those in attendance and closed the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45 PM

Meeting Summary Completed by Bethany Bryan, ECA District 2.

NOTICED ON: November 19, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., pursuant to 15.103(c), Ordinance Code.

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