

City of Fort Lauderdale

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Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Thursday, April 23, 2015

12:30 PM

2014 Neighbor Survey

City Commission Conference Room

CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP

FORT LAUDERDALE CITY COMMISSION

JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER Mayor - Commissioner
ROBERT L. McKINZIE Vice Mayor - Commissioner - District III
BRUCE G. ROBERTS Commissioner - District I
DEAN J. TRANTALIS Commissioner - District II
ROMNEY ROGERS Commissioner - District IV

LEE R. FELDMAN, City Manager
JOHN HERBST, City Auditor
JONDA K. JOSEPH, City Clerk
CYNTHIA A. EVERETT, City Attorney

Meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Mayor Seiler.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler, Commissioner Bruce G. Roberts, Commissioner Dean J. Trantalis and Vice-Mayor Robert L. McKinzie

Not Present: 1 – Commissioner Romney Rogers (excused)

Also Present: City Manager Lee R. Feldman, City Auditor John Herbst, City Clerk Jonda K. Joseph and Senior Assistant City Attorney Paul Bangel

2014 NEIGHBOR SURVEY

15-0579 Workshop Purpose – Amy Knowles

Structural Innovations Manager Amy Knowles provided introductory remarks. She referred to slides related to this matter. A copy of the slides is attached to these minutes. She introduced Chris Tatham, Vice-President of ETC Institute, to discuss the main priorities that came out of the survey and to conduct the slide review.

Overview - Chris Tatham, Vice President, ETC Institute

Purpose and Methodology

Demographics Overview

Major Findings - Important Highlights from Survey Results

Overall Findings and Perceptions

Major Categories of City Services

Commissioner Roberts asked a question in regards to the public safety statistic and preparation for disaster. Chris Tatham said he would distinguish between public safety and preparation for disaster later in the presentation.

Chris Tatham, vice-president of ETC Institute, continued review of the slides.

A discussion ensued in regards to the location of lifeguards in various areas. Commissioner Trantalis commented that people in Coral Ridge Towers have asked about life guard presence and if that information had been relayed to him. The City Manager stated that the information had not been relayed to him. The City Manager, the Mayor and Commissioner Roberts clarified the life guard areas.

Chris Tatham, vice-president of ETC Institute, continued review of the slides.

Commissioner Trantalis commented on the statistic increase associated with the city's effort to prevent crime. He felt that a five percent increase was not significant if the margin for error is four percent. Chris Tatham commented that because it went up more than the margin of error, it was a statistically significant change.

Chris Tatham, vice-president of ETC Institute, continued review of the slides.

Commissioner Roberts commented on the survey's results regarding the availability of green space near homes. The Mayor asked if Chris Tatham if he had more detailed information regarding these results. Chris Tatham responded that he did not have detailed maps with him, but they will be provided to the city.

Chris Tatham, vice-president of ETC Institute, continued review of the slides.

Christ Tatham summarized and concluded the slide show and asked if anyone had questions.

The Mayor thanked Chris Tatham and gave closing remarks. The Mayor also gave credit to the city employees for the increase in the neighborhood surveys. A conversation ensued in which the Mayor and Commissioner Roberts discussed which areas frustrated them and the challenges they faced to improve those areas.

Art Seitz commented on the increase in residents and bicycle usage. He asked if aquatics activities were surveyed. Chris Tatham said he did not have detailed information on this subject.

Follow-up Informational Requests and Action Items - Amy Knowles,
Structural Innovation Manager

There being no other matters to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.