

To: Mayor

Date: April 6, 2011

Subject: Priorities District 7

To: Dick Barber  
From JFA.

In response to your memorandum of March 10<sup>th</sup>, the following comments are provided.

- After making an assessment of the Westside Plan and speaking with constituents and neighborhood groups, priorities for District 7 are:
  1. Legion Field (Expansion of building and Tennis Courts).
  2. Westside Library-The storefront facility is inadequate for the volume of people. Additionally, it reflects the level of inequity that is directed towards the Westside.
  3. Review Plans for the American Cresote Plant site. The main street corridor from Barrancas to 'A' Street must be upgraded. It is the Western Gate to the Community Maritime Park.
  4. Enforce Code violations of abandon old school properties, i.e. Blount Middle School, 'C' and Gregory Street, L.A. Kirsey on 'C' and Jackson. Additionally, start dialogue with school officials regarding Hallmark and Yniestra buildings.
  5. Streetscape DeVilliers Street (similar to Alcaniz Street) from LaRua Street to the entrance of Community Maritime Park (CRA Funds)
  6. Follow-up on Mixed use Housing with DIB. Possible site old Corrine Jones Center site.
  7. Search for site for Westside swimming pool, possibly reviewing under utilize parks in the District for the pool.

The aforementioned items are just a few of the major issues facing District 7 and our city, but I am sure with us working together we can accomplish them.

I am available to meet with you at any time to discuss the future of our city.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Townsend  
Councilman District 7

Rita R. Lee

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**From:** John Jerralds  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 13, 2011 10:39 PM  
**To:** Ashton Hayward  
**Subject:** Priority list at present, subject to change:

Hello Mayor, Please consider this my first list. The focus at the meeting was the park at Woodland . Thanks JJerralds

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 13, 2011 9:02 PM  
**To:** John Jerralds  
**Subject:** Re: -- SPAM --SoulFest Flyer

John,

This is our wish list for the Woodland Heights Park.

1. Buy grills
2. Buy tables and covers
3. Play ground equipment
4. Lights for the park
5. Pave parking lot in front of the park
6. Fence
7. Drinking fountains for the park
8. Resurface walking trail/track in the park

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**From:** [teammedia@cox.net](mailto:teammedia@cox.net) [<mailto:teammedia@cox.net>]  
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FROM: Megan Pratt, City Councilmember  
TO: Ashton Hayward, Mayor  
CC: Pensacola City Council  
DATE: April 7, 2011  
SUBJECT: Budget Priorities – FY 2012

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide my input on the budget priorities for FY 2012. In this time of tight budgets, thorough review of priorities is essential. My first priority is to continue to provide our citizens with the strong basic services they have come to expect. I believe that meeting these basic requirements alone will be a challenge in FY 2012, but I am hopeful that you and the city staff will find creative ways to maintain our services.

In addition to the basic services, I would like to highlight one opportunity I would like to include in the FY 2012 budget.

**Budget Priority:** 12<sup>th</sup> Av multi-use trail between Bayou Blvd and the intersection of 12<sup>th</sup> Ave and Fairfield  
**Estimated Cost:** \$120,000

**Neighborhoods served:** Pineglades, Northeast Neighborhood, East Hill, Cordova Park, Pintado Park, etc.

**Districts served:** 2, 4, 5, 1

**Related investment:** New bridge across Carpenter's Creek provided by the state

**Why this project? And why now?** The state is programmed to replace the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridge over Carpenter's Creek in 2012. Therefore, it is time to consider the community's future needs and desires for that corridor. I propose that we consider putting in a multi-use (bike, pedestrian, etc.) trail on that road, between Bayou Blvd and the intersection of 12<sup>th</sup> Ave and Fairfield Drive. As part of the installation of the trail, 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue would also be narrowed, reducing speeds on this segment of road. So the project makes our city safer for motorists, joggers, cyclers, etc. Traffic calming measures are always less costly and more effective than enforcement.

**How does this project improve our community as a whole?** Great communities are linked so pedestrians and cyclers can move from neighborhood to neighborhood. However, Carpenter's Creek and Bayou Texar impede the natural flow, creating barriers between neighborhoods. Within East Hill and Cordova Park, bicyclists can find safe routes on side streets. Crossing the water, though, is challenging. Cervantes Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue are bottle necks with large vehicular volumes, deterring pedestrian and bicycle travel between neighborhoods and commercial districts. I have always believed that we should seek designation as a bike-friendly community. This project would move us toward that goal.

Citizens throughout much of our community will benefit directly from this investment. The path connects residents in East Hill with the Cordova Mall/Sacred Heart Hospital area and with the Roger Scott complex. It also provides a linkage for Cordova Park residents with East Hill. Riders could even use this trail as part of a route between Scenic Heights and downtown and beyond. Districts 2 and 4 will have direct access to the trail, with Districts 5 and 1 being immediately adjacent.

**Does this project fit with Mayor and Council goals?** In your 20 Solutions for 2011, you stated as a goal "to improve city streets with narrower lanes, wider sidewalks or bike lanes." The council, too, during our most recent goal setting cited "address connectivity for pedestrians and bikes throughout the city" as a priority. Therefore, I believe many of us, and, by extension, many of our citizens would support this initiative.

**What about costs?** This multi-use trail is estimated to cost approximately \$120,000, but further review is necessary. A generic multi-use trail is approximately \$30 a foot, and the length of this stretch is approximately 0.7 miles, 4000 ft. Additional funds might be needed for roadway engineering efforts.

In order to ensure that the state's investment in our community aligns with our goals, I hope that we will include this trail in our next budget.

To: Mayor Ashton Hayward  
Fr: City Councilwoman Sherri Myers, District 2  
Dt: March 6, 2011

## **Project List for 2012**

This list revises the list for 2011 that has already been submitted. My goal for 2012 is to leverage the wealth in District 2 by building partnerships with local businesses to improve District 2. In addition to the list for 2011, I am requesting the following:

1. Promotion of Uptown Pensacola businesses and communities. I am requesting \$100,000 to use as leverage to obtain funding from the businesses in Uptown to promote the cities business district. A person from the CR Department could be tasked with this effort to assist me in obtaining the leverage from our area businesses through development of a marketing plan to present to them.

2. Sidewalks on Burgess Rd and Sanders St. I would estimate \$3,000,000.00 for this project. If the CR Department submits a grant this year for Safe Walk to Schools, we should be able to obtain some of the funds from the Federal Highway Administration. Larry Newsom may be willing to assist the city in applying for these grants. Sanders St. is a road that children walking to Holms Middle School use on a daily basis and portions of Burgess Rd. are within one mile of the school.

3. All of our parks in District 2 need improvements as set forth in my 2011 list.

4. Tippin Park is a major park in District 2. It was only allocated \$10,000.00 from lost funds this year. The lowest amount allocated to any city park. None of the elements is accessible for ADA. There is a flooding problem in the park. I want the city to allocate \$100,000. 00 for this park that I want to use to leverage other funds from our businesses in Uptown. My idea for this park is to completely replace and all of the major nonaccessible equipment and to make this park the most accessible park in the city. Mr. Flaherty is have a conceptual plan developed that I plan to take to major businesses in Uptown and will try to leverage the \$100,000.00 to get \$200,000.00 for the implementation of the plan.

5. Reforestation and Beautification: I have already requested funds for the planting of trees in Uptown business district and in one of our subdivisions in District 2. At least \$200,000 is need this year, with additional dollars budgeted for 2012.

## **District 2 Projects for 2011**

### **I.**

### **Reforestation and Beautification**

**Return funds to District 2 from clear cutting and removing trees.**

**Areas to consider:**

#### **1. Pensacola's primary business area.**

- a. Plant trees along 9<sup>th</sup> Ave from Bayou Blvd to Dunmire Wood.
- b. Plant trees along Creighton Rd that are within the City limits and work with County to plant trees in that portion of Creighton Rd. that is in the County.
- c. At the entrance to 9<sup>th</sup> Ave at Olive Rd there is a median strip that is large enough to plant trees and install a sign that says "Welcome to Pensacola". This could be the northern entrance to the City that could be beautified.

#### **2. Neighborhoods:**

- a. **Eau Claire** is a neighborhood that is blessed with sidewalks and large right of ways. There are few trees in this community. It is a great neighborhood for planting trees and would greatly enhance the environment and property values of this community.

b. Survey the parks in District 2 to determine which parks need trees. Parker Circle Park is in need of additional trees as several trees that were planted are dying. Springdale Park on Brent Lane is badly in need of trees and erosion control.

3. **Erosion Control.** The City owns a number of retaining ponds that are creating serious pollution problems for Carpenter Creek. Appoint someone from public works and other appropriate agencies to meet with me to survey these ponds and either plant grass, indigenous shrubs or trees to control the erosion, or a combination of all.

## II

### STREET IMPROVEMENTS

**1. Burgess Rd. from Lanier to Davis Hwy.** Part of this road is in the County. I have met with both County Commissioner Grover Robinson and Larry Newsom the transportation director for the county, regarding Burgess Rd. This road is highly dangerous and the storm water system has deteriorated to the point of being dysfunctional. The county has agreed to put sidewalks on the portion of Burgess that is in the county. Larry Newsom has agreed to discuss working with the city in making improvements to Burgess Rd. from Sanders Street to Davis Hwy. I will be organizing a neighborhood meeting with Commissioner Robinson, Larry Newsom and the City to discuss Burgess Rd improvements. At the same time, we will discuss a joint venture with the county to install sidewalks on Sander's Street. We may be able to obtain federal funds for a "safe walk to school" program for Sanders.

**URGENT:** There are many wrecks at the corner of Burgess and Sanders. The traffic calming efforts by the city and county have not worked. This issue needs addressed immediately. Mr. Garza is familiar with this problem. I will ask the county for a traffic incident report for the past two years. I have already spoken to Larry Newsom and Commissioner Robinson; this needs to be coordinated with the city. Please assign a staff persons to work on this issue.

My understanding from discussing Lanier Street with Larry Newsom is the county is installing sidewalks along Lanier from Creighton Rd to Langley. These improvements will greatly benefit the residents of my district by providing us with safe sidewalks. I believe the County has a grant from the federal government because Lanier is close to Holmes Elementary School.

## **2. Traffic Calming:**

**a. The** intersection at Sanders and Burgess Rd., has many wrecks. Part of the intersection is in the county and part of it is in the City. This requires the City to contact Larry Newsom to address this intersection. I have already discussed this matter with him and Al Garza some months ago.

**b. Eue Clair:** This community has a serious traffic problem that is the result of traffic cutting through from Olive Road to 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. The community wants the traffic to slow down and re-routed if possible. I have spoken to Commissioner Robinson regarding this matter, as it will involve the County's participation to address the traffic calming issues. Please assign a city staff person to work with me on this issue.

**c. Tippin and Dunmire Woods** are used for a cut through from 9<sup>th</sup> Ave to Creighton. These two streets need traffic calming. Please assign a staff persons to work with me on this project.

**c. CREIGHTON RD:** This monster street is used by many residents of District 2. There are residents and many small businesses on this street. This street needs traffic calming with lights that will slow the traffic and allow for safe crossing. At this time, Creighton Rd is not crossable. To calm traffic on Creighton will have to be a co-operative effort between the City, County and FDOT. Please assign a staff person to work on this issue with me.

**d. Sanders St:** See above

### **III**

## **Park Maintenance, Beautification and ADA**

The parks in District 2 are some of the most neglected parks in the city. Not one park has ADA accessible play equipment for children with disabilities. Most of the elements in the majority of the District 2 parks are inaccessible to people with mobility impairments. (There were some modifications to the playground at Parker Circle) All parks must be brought up to ADA. I have already surveyed these parks last year with City staff regarding the ADA. No improvements have been made.

1. **Pine Glades Park:** This park has a very active neighborhood association that has met with David Flaherty and me to discuss improvements to the park. **This park is not accessible for persons who use wheelchairs or walkers. It must have a curb cut and sidewalk going to all elements of the park.** All elements include the covered picnic area, playgrounds and benches. The neighborhood association will continue to work with David Flaherty to make improvements, but the ADA improvements are not an option.

2. **Tippin Park:** This park is located in a mixed-use neighborhood that includes businesses, single family residences and a church. This park is probably used by more people than any park in District 2 and has a lot of visibility because it is located at the intersection of Tippin Ave and John Carrol. Three years ago (or longer) I met with John Ewing from Parks and Recreation regarding the need for ADA improvements. **NOT ONE ADA IMPROVEMENT HAS BEEN MADE. THERE ISN'T ONE ELEMENT IN THIS PARK THAT IS ACCESSIBLE.** The ADA improvements have to be accomplished soon. Twenty years is long enough. This park also needs new equipment, benches, and water fountain that works. This park has beautiful heritage oaks and residents have expressed a desire to have a covered picnic area under the oaks. I have been working with a neighborhood association that wants improvements and may submit a grant application. I plan to explore the possibilities of trying to get businesses in District 2 to adopt this park for some improvements. I would like to see the sand removed from this entire park and engineered wood fibers installed with ramps that will allow kids to get to the playground. Please assign a staff person to meet with me to discuss the improvements needed for this park. This park has serious flooding problems that need to be addressed.

3. **Springdale Park:** This is a large park in a very old neighborhood located on Brent Lane. It does not have accessible playground equipment. It



does have an accessible covered picnic area. It has a serious erosion problem on the east side. It appears that the City is planting trees. However, the erosion problem cannot be solved with just trees. Grass planting and watering of the grass will be necessary. Furthermore, this park is very dark. There was a flood light there at one time. It has not worked in four years. This park needs lights. Please assign a staff person to work with me on this project.

4. **Parker Circle Park:** This park has a very active neighborhood association. There still needs to be trees planted in the park on the south side. There is a need to take down what is left of the basketball goals. The community does not want the basketball goals in the neighborhood. They may want a covered picnic area on the slap. The community would like an assess route from the neighborhood to the Bryan Park Library. The water fountain needs to be turned back on. It is a new fountain. The city turned it off during the winter last year and never turned the water back on. The community went all summer without its water fountain.

5. **Dunmire Woods Park:** This is one of the most beautiful neighborhoods in Pensacola with many large heritage trees. However, the park has been neglected. The City put in a new sidewalk, but without a curb cut. Both entrances in the park need handicap accessibility. The west side of the park needs a handicap parking space that conforms to the Florida Building Code. There are no ADA accessible elements in the park. This needs to be correct. There is little playground equipment. There needs to be lights along the sidewalk in this park as there are many trees and dense vegetation that keep the park very dark at night. Please assign a staff persons to work on this park with me. I was promised curb cuts and ADA improvements last February 2010. None thing has been forth coming.

6. **Fairchild Park:** this large park has been neglected for years. There are no ADA accessible elements to this park. There is probably no way a person in a wheelchair or walker could get to the playground equipment because of the distance from the parking lot to the equipment. This park needs a lot of attention, including handicap parking. The playground needs to be moved closer to the north end of the park to improve accessibility.

7. **Camelot Park:** This community has a park that is actually a beautiful green space with walking trails through the woods. It has does not

have any playground equipment for children. This community park is going to be greatly impacted by the expansion of I-10 to six lanes. These beautiful woods are threatened with destruction as FDOT wants to use the property for its expansion. I need to have an update from Al Coby, David Flaherty and the FDOT regarding the fate of this park and neighborhood. I need to have a neighborhood meeting soon to update the residents as to the plans to mitigate the impact of this highway project on their neighborhood and park.

**8. Bryant Park:** This park is new and is located behind the Tryon Library. This should have been a park with a lot of accessible features for children with disabilities. It will be minimally accessible at best. At present there is equipment for children to play, but NOT ONE ELEMENT IS ACCESSIBLE PER THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ADA FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES.

#### IV.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

District 2 is buzzing with commercial activity, however the City has made no efforts to promote this area and the neighborhoods surrounding it, some of which are in a serious state of decline. The City should be promoting Uptown much like the efforts to promote Uptown Fort Worth. Our Comprehensive Plan calls for creating a connectivity between Uptown and Downtown. I would like to facilitate a meeting with stakeholders from Uptown, including our businesses, neighborhoods and workforce representatives to discuss a strategy for improving the image, sidewalks, streetscaping and transportation in the Uptown business community and neighborhoods. Please assign a staff person to work on this project with me.

### ADA COMPLIANCE

The City of Pensacola does not have a transition plan as required to bring its facilities into compliance with the ADA. The Parks and Recreation conducted a survey of the parks a few years

ago, however as far as I know a plan to correct barriers to access was not developed. Please appoint a staff person to work with me on access all of the City's parks and facilities in District 2 for the purpose of developing a plan to bring them into compliance with the ADA.