

Suzanne Jenkins

Suzanne Jenkins was elected to the City Council in July 1999 and was elected City Council Vice President for the 2001/2002 Council year. She is the 2000/2001 recipient of the Charles E. Webb Award presented to the outstanding council member of the year by the out-going Council President. She served two terms and left the City Council at the end of her second term in June 2007.

Suzanne received certification as a County Commissioner from the Florida Association of Counties. She was accepted into the Inaugural Series of the Florida Forum for County Leaders and received her certification in June 2007.

During her tenure on the City Council, some of the issues and legislation Suzanne has championed and/or initiated include:

- Ordinance 2006-739 prohibiting the operation of amusement gambling machines outside of amusement centers;
- Ordinance 2006-590-E creating and establishing criminal penalties and decontamination standards for Meth Houses;
- Ordinance 2005-743-E regulating Adult Entertainment establishments;
- Ordinance 2003-627-E creating and establishing a Downtown Overlay Zone;
- Ordinance 2000-408-E adopting security standards for businesses;
- Ordinance 2001-293-E setting standards for the placement and design of cell towers;
- Ordinance 2002-263-E establishing Building Code Compliance Alternatives for Historic Properties encouraging developers to invest in the reuse and revitalization of historic structures;
- Ordinance 2002-446-E creating a Downtown Sign Overlay Zone establishing standards for signs within the Downtown area; and
- The Town Center Initiative to revitalize neighborhood Town Squares.
- Ordinance 1999-338-E Creating legal standing for registered Neighborhoods and establish informal and formal procedures for hearing quasi-judicial matters.

Past Community Involvement

- Downtown Vision, Inc. Board Member
- Englewood High School Advisory Council
- Florida Association of Counties Board Member
- Florida Theatre Board Member
- Pine Castle Board Member
- YMCA Board Member

- Sunday School Director at Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church
- Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (Chair 1996 & 1997)
- Land Use Subcommittee of Mayor Delaney's Growth Management Task Force
- JEA Tree Coalition Board Member
- Greater Englewood Neighborhood Association (Past President)
- Pine Forest Elementary School PTA (Past President)
- Leadership Jacksonville (Class of 1998)
- Landon Middle School Advisory Council (Past Vice Chair)
- Pine Forest Elementary School Advisory Council (Past Vice Chair)
- Six-time panelist at the Mayor's Neighborhood Summit
- Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce's World Class Champions for Duval County Schools
- Mayor John Peyton's

Suzanne has also received numerous awards for her community work including:

- 1997 'Outspoken Citizens Award' presented by Southside Businessmen Club
- Mayors Outstanding Neighborhood Leader (1997) to Greater Englewood Association (1998) and Business JaxPride (1998)
- 2001 'Before It's Time Award' presented by the Northeast Florida Planning and Zoning Association for her work on the City of Jacksonville Cell Tower Ordinance
- 2002 Jacksonville Historical Society 'Preservation Milestone Award'
- 2002 Girl Scouts of Gateway Council 'Women of Distinction Award'
- Mental Health Association of Northeast Florida's 2003 Community Service Award
- 2005 'Successful Role Model Award' from the Greater El-Beth-El Divine Holiness Church.

Personal

Suzanne moved to Jacksonville in 1970 where she attended Landon Jr. High and graduated from Englewood High School. She was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and prior to moving here her father's service in the Marine Corps allowed her to experience both small towns and metropolitan cities along the East Coast and in the Midwest. The family eventually settled in the St. Nicholas community.

Suzanne has three grown children and three grandsons . She resides in her Englewood area home. She is retired and continues to volunteer in schools, church and her community.