

## New group forms to keep spotlight on JEA

A gathering of inhabitants incensed by how JEA left on as of late dropped dealings to conceivably sell the utility is framing another charitable association called OurJax.com that tries to fabricate a grassroots partnership that would make preparations for any future endeavors to sell <u>Lawn Maintenance Jacksonville FL</u>.

"There are a million people in four regions who rely upon JEA consistently," said Mike Hightower, a previous JEA board part and utility official who will be one of three executives of OurJax.com.

The association would add another wrinkle to Jacksonville's charitable scene by giving monetary help to endeavors to get open records. OurJax.com could collaborate with another non-benefit association previously engaged with the field of open records to complete that work.

"We don't have the foggiest idea what we don't have a clue, and the main way you're going to discover is through straightforwardness, and the manner in which you do that is to have duplicates of records," Hightower said.

The development of the gathering is another sign that despite the fact that the JEA board finished deals chats on Dec. 24, the consequential convulsions of the business procedure are proceeding.

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Notwithstanding Hightower, different chiefs of OurJax.com will be David Miller, official executive of Jacksonville-based Brightway Insurance, and Michael Ward, resigned CEO of CSX Corp.

Mill operator and Ward are individuals from the Jacksonville Civic Council, a gathering of a few dozen persuasive metro and business pioneers. The Civic Council has contemplated JEA broadly and taken situations on the potential deal, including calls for changes to the City Charter that would make it progressively hard to put JEA available to be purchased again later on.

OurJax.com would look to manufacture a grassroots association from over the Jacksonville zone utilizing on the web exceed through its site, which will have a similar location as the gathering's name.

Ward said the gathering's motivation will be to "forestall a circumstance like what has unfolded in the course of the most recent couple of months, where the network's confidence in their administration was deeply shaken."

Hightower said the gathering underpins the City Council doing an intensive examination of JEA "until we get every one of the inquiries replied, until every one of the specks are associated and all the straightforwardness is out there."

Mike Tolbert, a political strategist who has worked with previous chairman Jake Gobold while watching many years of Jacksonville legislative issues, said he saw greater network shock over the potential closeout of JEA than some other occasion in the city.

"It's the entire network," Tolbert said. "It's wide and it's profound. I've never observed anything like it in my life."

While JEA prodded development of the gathering and will be its center, Miller said the gathering likewise will take part in different issues that include the four standards of the gathering: straightforwardness, honesty, responsibility and nearby control.