**Mayor’s Hispanic American Advisory Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM**

**City Hall / St. James Building, Third Floor Conference Room C**

**117 West Duval Street**

**And Via Zoom**

**MINUTES**

* **Call to Order**
* **Pledge of Allegiance**
* **Welcome and Introduction**
  + Board members in person: Jose Morales, Jorge Lopez, Martha Torres, Luis Montiel, and Zergihno Roell Garcia
  + Board members virtually: Demika Jackson, Aida Seeraj and Jen Silva
  + COJ/DSD staff in person: Kara Tucker and Jennifer Wolf
  + COJ/DSD staff virtually:
  + Guests: John, Pablo Diaz de Sandi (Vystar), Ms. Ortiz, Maria Machin, Vicky, and Tanya (JTA)
* **Public Comment**
  + John – owns A&C Waste management; has a special machine that processes garbage into other products; 99% no waste; invented in Argentine; would be interested in doing a formal presentation to the Board
  + Pablo – Chair of Hispanic Employee Resource Group; wants to partner with MHAAB; [diazdesandij@vystarcu.org](mailto:diazdesandij@vystarcu.org) / 954-609-7600
  + Vicky – she is an insurance provider and wants Hispanics to know that they CAN be insured via the Marketplace, if they live and work here
  + Tanya – JTA now has Spanish documentation
* **Approval of Minutes from 09/22**
  + (no quorum)
* **Speakers**
  + (none)
* **Old Business**
  + Events:
    1. Martha: 240 families given food and education on diseases/health/vaccines
    2. Jose: amazing historical event that honored veterans
  + Year Report – Draft Outline to Review
  + January planning meeting; discuss changing meeting dates, times, format; discuss combining subcommittees
    1. Meet in regional libraries
    2. Hispanic Awards / Veteran Appreciation
* **New Business**
  + Generate a topic per month to focus on, seek speakers for, and highlight events (Proclamations? Please allow 30 days) MAKE THESE SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS
    1. November
       1. American Diabetes Month
       2. Lung Cancer Awareness Month
       3. Alzheimer’s Disease Awareness Month
    2. December
       1. Safe Toys and Gifts Month
* **Subcommittee Reports**
  + Public Safety – Miguel Dipierri: reminder about free fire alarms for homes
  + Veterans – Demika Jackson: November 12th will have a celebration Honoring Hispanic Veterans
  + Education – Jen Silva: requested special recognition for some outstanding principles on social media; #ThankAPrinciple
  + Healthcare – Aida Seeraj: October 13th she attended a Drug Epidemiology meeting where Fentanyl was discussed (1 pill can kill slogan); October 28th Inspire to Rise is hosting a Trunk Or Treat event from 5pm to 7 pm and there will be health staff present
  + Faith-based – Martha Torres: suggested making this not about the church but about the people; this is more than being about religion
  + Media/Public Relations – Jorge Lopez and Nelson Silverio: seeking “Why are we here?” question/answers from board members to post to social media
  + Business – Luis Montiel and Zergihno Roell Garcia: JTA wants to partner with small businesses in the Hispanic Community (construction for now); trying to assist with bringing 1000 work visas to Florida in agriculture, construction, and hospitality/food service (500 to Jacksonville)
  + Community Initiative – Jose Morales: JTA CEO get together will be rescheduled; City Council has created a Quality of Life subcommittee that Jose requested participation from the board at
* **Public Comment** – All Attendees
  + (NONE)
* **Adjourn Meeting: 12:40 pm**

Chair: Jorge Lopez

Vice-Chair: Jose Morales

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