**Mayor’s Disability Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 1, 2022, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Ed Ball Building’s First Floor Training Room**

**214 North Hogan Street**

**And Via Zoom**

*Mission: “The Jacksonville Mayor’s Disability Council raises awareness of the needs of persons with disabilities by assisting in the formulation of Solutions to meet those needs by providing a public forum”*

**MINUTES**

* **Board Members Present In Person:** Lisa Parlapiano, Dan O’Connor, Natalie Alden, Jose Morales, Karen Prewitt, Denise Torres, Barbara Brown, Ron McCauley, Walter Johnson, Beth Putnam, and Anida Pollo
* **Board Members Absent:** Ray Pringle
* **Disabled Services Staff Present:** Kara Tucker, Lois Smokes, and Matthew Jackson
* **In Person Attendees:** Chris Eaton (Library), Tom O’Hara (VR), Samuel Davis (Employment Award Winner), Antoinette Cox (Samuel’s mom), Amy Valentine (DCPS), Anthony Iannone (CIL), Katie (Electrical Training Alliance), Joseph (Advanced Auto Parts), Nick (Advanced Auto Parts), and Amanda (Advanced Auto Parts)
* **Virtual Attendees:** Kathy Acevedo (Talking Books), Sally Jermanus, Gonza Gonzague (VR), April Santos (CIL), Cheryl Freeman, Mark Poirier (JTA), Jacquelyn Easterling, Amy Valentine, Geanelly Revero, Phillip St. Pierri (JTA), Mark Wood (JTA), Gail Roberts (ESE), Sharon Hoffmeyer-Dykes (JTAC), LG Williams, Jeremy Norsworthy, and Cynthia Vinkemulder
* **Welcome and Introduction** – Chair Jose Morales
* **Public Comment** – All Attendees
  + **(none)**
* **Approval of Minutes from 01/04/2021** – Chair Jose Morales
  + Tabled until March
* **Presentations / Announcements**
  + **Employee of the Quarter Award** – Recipient Samuel Davis, Advanced Auto Parts
  + **Katie** **Enkiri, Electrical Training Alliance**
    1. Earn while you learn apprenticeship
    2. Can earn credits towards an Associates or Bachelor’s degree
    3. Minimum requirements are age 18 or older, and either a high school diploma or a GED
    4. Pre-apprenticeship program available if applicant needs extra assistance preparing for the program
  + **Jeremy Norsworthy, JTA Move 2027 Plan**
    1. Five-Year Strategic Plan for JTA
       1. Sets agency priorities
    2. Why MOVE2027 Matters
       1. Determines the direction JTA is headed over the next five years
       2. Opportunity to provide your input on what JTA should be doing to better serve its customers
       3. MOVE2027 will result in new policies, plans, and initiatives
    3. We Are Here: Establishing the plan’s foundation
       1. Task 1: Visioning and Branding
       2. Task 2: Goals and Objectives
       3. Task 4: Data Collection
    4. Questions:
       1. Thinking about the next five years, what should be the Region’s highest priorities?
       2. How can JTA better align with regional priorities?
       3. What can JTA do to better serve your constituents?
       4. How can JTA effectively communicate its business strategies to the Region?
    5. Next Steps:
       1. Continue engagement with internal and external stakeholders
       2. Meet with the JTA Board in March
       3. Finalize the strategic framework and plan branding
       4. Deliver initial draft of the MOVE2027 Plan by April
    6. Access the survey by visiting: [**https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JTAMOVECOM**](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JTAMOVECOM) (Open through February 18)
* **Disabled Services** – Chief Kara Tucker
  + Division Updates
    1. Met with CIL regarding Spirit of the ADA in October
    2. World of Nations is February 26-27
    3. Jazz Festival will be May 26-29
    4. EPC will be in April or May
    5. Sharks and Icemen are being moved to 2023 to make room in the budget for cultural events
    6. ADA Symposium is scheduled for June 23
    7. Scholarship deadlines are April 23rd for the 2022 graduating students
    8. Will be meeting soon to review Museum Drive Plan in order to present at next MDC
* **Old Business** – Chair Jose Morales and Co-Chair Natalie Alden
  + Reminder that board members are expected to be present for the meetings they have committed to being a part of
  + Reminder that a quorum must be present in order to vote on anything
* **New Business** – Chair Jose Morales
  + Request for Ad-Hoc members and community members to help spread the word about the scholarships
  + EPC planning meeting coming up in March and will be shared through CIL to Disabled Services to distribute to MDC
* **Subcommittee Reports (5 minutes)**
  + **LEAPSC Subcommittee – Report given by Denise Torres:** very full meeting, ran out of time to complete agenda; wanting to add the white cane language back into the DMV testing; legislation regarding COVID and how some cannot take it as mandated, legislation regarding housing and how it could affect the disability community, legislation about adding additional mental health treatments; special medical needs registry; reminder to submit scholarship applications and submit them complete; Officer Hamilton gave his report; lots of training coming up such as mental health first aid, epilepsy first aid, and JSO; still trying to host a community movie event; talk of a means to grade establishments at how accessible they are, such as Times Union Center;
  + **Adaptive Recreation Subcommittee – Report given by Karen Prewitt:** Visit Jacksonville is working on an accessible guidebook due to be complete this summer; working on PSA’s for accessible sports besides the kayak launches, such as fishing and hiking; interested in increasing community events; Alice with Brooks has been invited to share some of their upcoming events; Cuba Hunter is still being used as COVID testing site; discussion regarding hosting a goal ball tournament; Sunny Acres is getting a redone parking lot and a resurfaced pool; Ringhaver is getting an updated playground
  + **Employment Subcommittee – Report given by Lisa Parlapiano:** quarter one Employer Engagement Session is February 23rd from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm; requesting ideas for speakers for quarters 2, 3, and 4; possible partnership with Disability Rights Florida on a job fair possibly in June; Jennifer (DSD) to provide an update on the online resource library in March
* **Ad Hoc Reports**
  + **ESE – Report given by Amy Valentine:** Gail will be retiring at the end of this school year; DCPS received funds from the American Rescue Plan; looking to hire more certified behavior analysts; a lot of sensory equipment has been added to the classrooms as well as hearing aids and visual aids; staff shortages are affecting their ability to fill vacancies
  + **JSO – Report given by (NONE):** (none)
  + **Library – Report given by Chris Eaton:** also dealing with staff shortages but complimented his staff on doing their best to get book requests sent out and returns processed back into the branch; literacy classes are taught at the Center for Adult Learning (CAL)
  + **Talking Books – Report given by Kathy Acevedo:** trying to get people to download books and are trying to work around some people not having access to the necessary technology; they are part of a national taskforce that meets to discuss the libraries in general
  + **Transportation – JTA/MV – Report Given by Mark Wood, Mark Poirier, and Sally Jermanus:** January’s numbers are: on-time performance for pickups is 81%, on-time performance for appointments is 91%, late trips less than 30 minutes are at 82%, 26 concerns, 37 compliments, 1,146 trips provided by UZURV, and seeking to add an additional sub-contractor (big Star) by the end of February; Emerald Trail project is hoping to connect 14 historic districts together, and that includes 16 schools, 2 colleges, and 21 parks
  + **VR – Report Given by Gonza Gonzague and Kathy Davis:** they will be asking more team members to join these meetings, especially the Employment Subcommittee (Tom was present in the room)
  + **MHRC – Report Given by Amy Nelson:** currently one zone has an officer/clinician team (Zone 1), but they received a grant to staff the other 5 zones (so 6 zones total) and they are working to hire people now; hired a case manager to conduct follow up
* **Public Comment** – All Attendees
* **Adjourn Meeting** – Chair Jose Morales; Barbara motioned to adjourn, Ron seconded, motion passed unanimously and without discussion

Chair: Jose Morales

Co-Chair: Natalie Alden

**Disabled Services Division**

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