**Mayor’s Disability Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, July 5, 2022, 3:00 PM to 5:00 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:** Dan O’Connor, Jose Morales, Natalie Alden, Ron McCauley, Karen Prewitt, and Denise Torres
* **Board Members Present Virtually:** Lisa Parlapiano and Anida Pollo
* **Board Members Absent:** Walter Johnson, Ray Pringle, Amy Nelson, Barbara Brown, and Beth Putnam
* **Disabled Services Staff Present:** Kara Tucker, Lois Smokes, Jennifer Wolf, and Matthew Jackson
* **In Person Attendees:** Rudolph Henley (JTA) and Mark Poirier (JTA)
* **Virtual Attendees:** Stephanie (Challenge Enterprises), Amy Valentine (DCPS), Rebecca Scissors (DCPS), Jeff Craig (Hyatt), Jimmy McGuire (Winner - Hyatt), Joe Hensley (Hyatt), Michael Pugh (VERC), Steve Holmes (USERVE), Jason Rubio (MV), Sharon Hoffmeyer-Dykes (JTAC), and Chris Macklin (JTA)
* **Welcome and Introduction** – Chair Jose Morales
* **Public Comment** – All Attendees
  + (none)
* **Approval of Minutes from 06/07/2022** – Chair Jose Morales
  + (no quorum)
* **Presentations / Announcements**
  + Jimmy McGuire – Winner of the Employee of the Quarter Award
* **Disabled Services** – Chief Kara Tucker
  + Division Updates
    1. Mental Health first aid training to be rescheduled, in person
    2. Epilepsy first aid trainings went well; will provide an update on the Spanish numbers
    3. Spirit of the ADA is in October
    4. ADA Symposium is being rescheduled for August
    5. IT Symposium scheduled for August 23
    6. Scholarship review; waiting for funding before awarded
    7. Disability Expo scheduled for July 29
    8. Movie showing and press conference scheduled for July 26
    9. The Mayor’s Office did a bunch of disability awareness proclamations
    10. July 18th we will have a medical accessibility workgroup meeting
* **Old Business** – Chair Jose Morales and Co-Chair Natalie Alden
  + Sharon asked where we were on the Art Museum Drive 5 year plan
* **New Business** – Chair Jose Morales
  + Jose brought up about the Special Medical Needs Registry and how hurricane season has begun
  + Jose and Kara spoke about the upcoming public forum on June 23rd
* **Subcommittee Reports (5 minutes)**
  + **LEAPSC Subcommittee – Report given by Denise Torres:** Governor signed the Freedom First Budget that allowed pay increases to health care workers; looking to work with Amy Valentine and Rebecca Scissors regarding the flyers and presentations for transitioning students from high school for the 22/23 school year; special medical needs registry; Officer Hamilton gave his report; mental health first aid being rescheduled and epilepsy first aid will be scheduled again for later this year; community movie event planned for July 26th and the movie is “Breathe”; Financial Freedom Conference – everyone needs to reach out to their contacts to see who would be interested; looking to get improved information on the ¾ mile rule for paratransit; working on gathering information adaptive fashion show to hopefully host next year
  + **Adaptive Recreation Subcommittee – Report given by Karen Prewitt:** the resource guide was warmly received in the waterways commission meeting; Visit Jax is working with the Council on their new Accessible Places in Jax guide; there is a Recreation section in the newest version of the Disabled Services Resource Guide
  + **Employment Subcommittee – Report given by Lisa Parlapiano:** partnership with Disability Rights Florida on an event on June 23 was good, just lessoned learned on not checking for competing events; discussion on trying again in September; Jennifer (DSD) provided an update on the online resource library; bring friends to future meetings to help grow the subcommittee; the employee of the quarter questionnaire was updated/finalized
* **Ad Hoc Reports**
  + **ESE – Report given by Amy Valentine:** working on the extended school year and the upcoming school year; curriculums purchased and trainings being scheduled; she will work with MDC to continue the teacher trainings partnership started under Gail
  + **JSO – Report given by (NONE):** (none)
  + **Library – Report given by (none):** (none)
  + **Talking Books – Report given by (none):** (none)
  + **Transportation – JTA/MV – Report given by Mark Poirier, Jason Rubio, and Steve Holmes:** the canopy has been installed over the accessible entrance/drop-off; April ridership was 18,811, on time performance is 90% on time appointments is 97%, late trips less than 30 minutes is 93%, 22 complaints and 35 compliments; currently at 103 drivers with more going through different stages of the hiring/training process; coverings requested at JTA terminal and previous promises not kept so a follow up has been requested; April connections plus had 9,700
  + **VR – Report given by (none):** (none)
  + **Brooks Rehabilitation – Report given by Jose/Natalie/Kara:** they are almost fully reopened; they have bowling and billiards and indoor archery coming up
  + **CIL – Report given by Jose Morales:** hinted at changes coming to the Spirit of the ADA and virtual career camp is starting
* **Public Comment** – All Attendees
  + Tamarin Bacon – Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinator for the Northeast Florida Regional Council; wanted to introduce himself
  + Stephanie with Challenge Enterprise is excited to be getting involved with MDC
  + Dan O’Connor – quarterly meeting coming up in Orlando in July
  + Karen Prewitt – registrations are open with Special Olympics and Caleb is getting to do exciting things
  + Denise Torres – in the field for Arc, VR Jacksonville, and APD
* **Adjourn Meeting** – Chair Jose Morales adjourned due to no quorum

Chair: Jose Morales

Co-Chair: Natalie Alden

**Disabled Services Division**

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