**Mayor’s Disability Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 1, 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:** Lisa Parlapiano, Dan O’Connor, Natalie Alden, Jose Morales, Karen Prewitt, Denise Torres, Barbara Brown, Ray Pringle, Walter Johnson, Beth Putnam, and Anida Pollo
* **Board Members Absent:** Ron McCauley and Amy Nelson
* **Disabled Services Staff Present:** Kara Tucker, Lois Smokes, Jennifer Wolf and Matthew Jackson
* **In Person Attendees:** Rebecca Scissors (DCPS), Mark Wood (JTA) and Mark Poirier (JTA)
* **Virtual Attendees:** Kathy Acevedo (Talking Books), Sally Jermanus, Gonza Gonzague (VR), Aaron Iannone (CIL), Jill Hill, Charles Frazier (JTA), Liliana Scalf-Ruiz Rivera, Michael Pugh (Library), Jana Arnette, Steve Holmes (USERVE), Jason Rubio (MV), Amy Valentine, Courtney, Ken Middleton (JTA), Gail Roberts (ESE), Sharon Hoffmeyer-Dykes (JTAC), and Tia Keeles
* **Welcome and Introduction** – Chair Jose Morales
* **Public Comment** – All Attendees
  + **(none)**
* **Approval of Minutes from 01/04/2022 and 02/01/2022** – Chair Jose Morales
  + 01/04/2022 – Ray motioned to approve, Barbara seconded, Dan said he hoped the necessary changes had been made, motion passed unanimously and without further discussion
  + 02/01/2022 – Natalie motioned to approve, Dan seconded, motion passed unanimously and without discussion
* **Presentations / Announcements**
  + **Annie Abbott, Florida State College at Jacksonville: TriO Grant**
    1. (Technical difficulties prevented presentation)
* **Disabled Services** – Chief Kara Tucker
  + Division Updates
    1. Mental Health first aid training tentatively set for April 12th, in person
    2. Epilepsy first aid trainings: April 8th and 22nd will be in English and April 15th and 29th will be in Spanish
    3. Spirit of the ADA is in October
    4. Jazz Festival will be May 26-29
    5. EPC will be on May 20
    6. Shrimps game tentatively scheduled for April 23
    7. Sharks game tentatively scheduled for May 14
    8. Jaguars game in either November or December
    9. ADA Symposium is scheduled for June 23
    10. IT Symposium will be in August
    11. Scholarship deadlines are April 23rd for the 2022 graduating students
* **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
  + Robert’s Rules of Order training for the board suggested by Jose
  + Transportation Disadvantaged Board seeking new members
  + Interest was expressed regarding revisiting extenuating circumstances for voting virtually
* **Subcommittee Reports (5 minutes)**
  + **LEAPSC Subcommittee – Report given by Natalie Alden:** Miguel from the Fire Inspection Office at COJ gave a presentation; call 630-CITY to request a free smoke detector for your house or to schedule a battery change; cannot alter a hard-wired system, except to change the batteries; EPC May 2oth; still working with Gail regarding the flyers and presentations regarding transitioning from high school; 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; River Jams are being held on Thursdays; Financial Freedom Conference – everyone needs to reach out to their contacts to see who would be interested; maybe put together a workgroup on medical access for the Disability Community
  + **Adaptive Recreation Subcommittee – Report given by Ray Pringle:** 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; 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 had approximately 120 registrants; post event survey has been sent to collect info for future sessions; requesting ideas for speakers for quarters 2, 3, and 4; partnership with Disability Rights Florida on a job fair on June 23 with Neil Romano as speaker; Jennifer (DSD) to provide an update on the online resource library; bring friends to future meetings to help grow the subcommittee; JSEB document to be re sent out and then discussed in April (hopefully voted on)
* **Ad Hoc Reports**
  + **ESE – Report given by Gail Roberts:** Gail will be retiring at the end of this school year; promoted Rebecca Skinner for Parent Services Position; still going to have the summer extended school year, just a little shorter duration to accommodate staff shortages so students still get the full service
  + **JSO – Report given by (NONE):** (none)
  + **Library – Report given by Michael Pugh:** Braille Challenge was a success
  + **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; transitioning from single titles per cartridge to multiple titles, as well as instant access to a bunch of titles via the catalogue
  + **Transportation – JTA/MV – Report Given by Jason Rubio and Steve Holmes:** February’s numbers are: ridership down 38%, on-time performance for pickups is 85%, on-time performance for appointments is 91%, late trips less than 30 minutes are at 84%, 9 concerns, 1,400 trips provided by UZURV and 9,000 trips for Connections Plus; still experiencing driver shortages
  + **VR – Report Given by Gonza Gonzague:** they will be asking more team members to join these meetings, especially the Employment Subcommittee; they will keep us posted of any initiatives or events they will be doing, but there was no update this month
  + **MHRC – Report Given by Amy Nelson:** (none)
* **Public Comment** – All Attendees
  + Sharon – no-shows are possibly happening with JTA due to drivers not getting out of the vehicle to knock on doors or get out of the vehicle to call out for the customer
* **Adjourn Meeting** – Chair Jose Morales; Dan motioned to adjourn, Seconded seconded, motion passed unanimously and without discussion

Chair: Jose Morales

Co-Chair: Natalie Alden

**Disabled Services Division**

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