**Mayor’s Disability Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 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:** Dan O’Connor, Jose Morales, Natalie Alden, Denise Torres, Barbara Brown, Anida Pollo, Walter Johnson, Ray Pringle, and Beth Putnam
* **Board Members Present Virtually: (none)**
* **Board Members Absent:** Ron McCauley, Amy Nelson, and Karen Prewitt
* **Disabled Services Staff Present:** Kara Tucker, Lois Smokes, and Jennifer Wolf
* **In Person Attendees:** Chris Eaton (Library), Tiana Huggabook (Ms. Wheelchair), and Mark Poirier (JTA)
* **Virtual Attendees:** Rebecca Scissors (DCPS), Adrian Keve, Jason Rubio (MV), Sharon Hoffmeyer-Dykes (JTAC), Kathy Acevedo (Talking Books), Gonza Gonzague (VR), Steve Holmes (USERVE), Michael Pugh (VERC), Chris Macklin (JTA), Trottie, Officer Patterson (JSO), and Amy Valentine (DCPS)
* **Welcome and Introduction** – Chair Jose Morales
* **Public Comment** – All Attendees
  + (NONE)
* **Approval of Minutes from 09/2022** – Chair Jose Morales
  + Motion by Dan, second by Natalie; no discussion, motion passes
* **Presentations / Announcements**
  + Employer Award – Awarded to team members of Advance Auto
* **Disabled Services** – Chief Kara Tucker
  + Division Updates
    1. Looking to planning 2023
* **Old Business** – Chair Jose Morales and Co-Chair Natalie Alden
  + Connecting the Dots was a successful event
* **New Business** – Chair Jose Morales
  + TOOLS Conference scheduled for March 3
* **Subcommittee Reports (5 minutes)**
  + **LEAPSC Subcommittee – Report given by Denise Torres:** discussed aging in place and universal design; TOOLS conference is March 3; 2023/2024 is being looked at for in person presentations to schools/parents; discussion about Mark Rossier scholarship being offered April/August/December; 2022 DPEP 1,795 citations and 11 voided in October with the next court on November 9th
  + **Adaptive Recreation Subcommittee – Report given by Kara Tucker:** Kara gave an update on Parks and Waterways meetings; discussion about Goal Ball and various recreation centers besides Cuba Hunter (which is and will be experiencing maintenance)
  + **Employment Subcommittee – Report given by Lisa Parlapiano:** hiring event in partnership with Career Source and COJ on September 29th got cancelled; vote regarding awarding Employer Awards to Pitney Bowes and Hyatt: Jose motioned, Natalie seconded, and motion passed with no discussion
* **Ad Hoc Reports**
  + **ESE – Report given by Amy Valentine:** looking forward to new
  + **JSO – Report given by Officer Patterson:** none, but is glad to be back working with MDC
  + **Library – Report given by Chris Eaton:** the talking books service is getting an overhaul and he is interested in having members of the disability community come volunteer and provide their much needed feedback; looking to acquire some Braille books for children
  + **Talking Books – Report given by Kathy Acevedo:** looking forward to getting to reschedule her presentation and has asked to maybe present with Chris Eaton
  + **Transportation – JTA/MV – Report given by Chris Macklin, Mark Poirier, Jason Rubio, and Steve Holmes:** 86% on time performance, late trips less than 30 minutes is 85%, MV is working on bringing on additional sub companies to assist with driver shortages
  + **VR – Report given by Gonza Gonzague:** (none)
  + **Brooks Rehabilitation – Report given by Alice Krauss:** (none)
  + **CIL – Report given by Aaron Lewis:** wheelchair repair clinic
  + **The ARC – Report given by Denise Torres:** (none)
  + **Foundation Fighting Blindness – Report given by Adrienne Keve:** (none)
* **Public Comment** – All Attendees
  + MDC will be discontinuing Zoom; December meeting will be final hybrid
* **Adjourn Meeting** – Ray motioned to adjourn, Beth seconded, motion passed without discussion

Chair: Jose Morales

Co-Chair: Natalie Alden

**Disabled Services Division**

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