**Mayor’s Disability Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 7, 2022 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM**

**St. James Building / 117 West Duval Street**

**Mayor’s Conference Room / 4th Floor**

*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, Lisa Parlapiano, Denise Torres, Jose Morales, Karen Prewitt, Barbara Brown, Anida Pollo, Ray Pringle, Amy Nelson, Natalie Alden, Ron McCauley, and Walter Johnson
* **Board Members Absent:** Beth Putnam
* **Disabled Services Staff Present:** Kara Tucker, Lois Smokes, and Jennifer Wolf
* **In Person Attendees:** Chris Macklin (JTA), Denise V., Alice Krauss (Brooks Rehab), Gonza Gonzague (VR), Aaron Lewis (CIL), Chris Eaton (JPL), and Teona Haugabook (Ms. Wheelchair)
* **Welcome and Introduction** – Chair Jose Morales
* **Public Comment** – All Attendees (NONE)
* **Approval of Minutes from 01/12/2022** – Chair Jose Morales
  + Ray motioned to accept as is, Dan seconded, Natalie said it was lacking in information and requests minutes sooner moving forward; Jose motions to table with Ray seconding; all voted yes without additional conversation
* **Presentation / Announcements**
  + **Steve Long, Director of Public Works**
  + **Art Museum Drive Update**
  + The plan is to rebuild sidewalks that are currently in need of repair or improvement, as well as add sidewalks where there are currently non
  + The project is about 1 mile in length
  + They are currently in the CIP process for money
  + Some of the time delays occur when cable wiring that is too close to the road and would hinder the construction or usability of a sidewalk needs to be relocated
* **Disabled Services** – Chief Kara Tucker
  + Division Updates
  + There are going to be 200 tickets available to attend the Icemen Game, which is scheduled for March 4th, starting at 7:oo pm; registration has already opened
* **Old Business** – Chair Jose Morales and Co-Chair Natalie Alden
* **New Business** – Chair Jose Morales
* **Subcommittee Reports (5 minutes)**
  + LEAPSC Subcommittee – Natalie Alden: came up with an extensive list of potential speakers/presenters for 2023, including Sulzbacher, Kids Hope Alliance, etc.; discussed doing a guide for drivers regarding White Cane Law; discussed monitoring bills such as the Mental Health Assistance Allocation; in need of in person dates from Amy Valentine; possible letter of support for a judge experienced in ADA matters to oversee DPEP citations; no new dates for Mental Health first aid or for Epilepsy first aid; still need JSO representation (patrol and corrections); need a separate meeting to begin discussion for the financial freedom conference; currently no housing available; $2,000 was the recommended sponsorship amount for the TOOLS conference
  + Adaptive Recreation Subcommittee – Ray Pringle: Director Joseph said he would try to attend all the odd number months of MDC to give an update; does there need to be a letter of recommendation written to utilize other properties; seeking guidance on how to write a letter of support for funding for Sunny Acres, as well as the full steps to get money for Sunny Acres; questions have been requested of the board to provide to Kara when she attends the Waterways Commission meetings
  + Employment Subcommittee – Lisa Parlapiano: post event surveys will be used to generate topic ideas for future employer engagement sessions; the online resource library is still under construction; Hyatt and Pitney Bowes will be the next to receive Community Employer Awards; possible participation in a future Mentoring Day
* **Ad Hoc Reports**
  + ESE – Amy Valentine / Rebecca Scissors: (NONE)
  + JSO – (varies): (NONE)
  + Library/Talking Books – Chris Eaton: Talking Books transition is going well; working closely with DSD regarding constituents and staff with disabilities (mobility devices and service dogs)
  + Transportation – JTA/MV: best practices training with CIL and DSD; January ridership was 20,551 (up 25% from December); 87% on time performance; 93% on time appointments; 88% late less than 30 minutes; 25 concerns/complaints; 105 drivers
  + VR – Gonza Gonzague: 2,495 transition individuals, 733 students, 26 placed
  + Brooks Rehabilitation – Alice Krauss: there was an interview on News 4 Jax; Challenge Mile is coming up
  + CIL – Aaron Lewis: looking to plan events for the next 6 months; Spirit of the ADA; upcoming open house; April 22nd Abilities in Art (Arts Market)
* **Public Comment** – All Attendees
  + Teona H. requested a couple of group photos
* **Adjourn Meeting** – Chair Jose Morales
  + Motion by Ray, second by Ron, motion passed with no discussion at 5:00 pm

Chair: Jose Morales

Co-Chair: Natalie Alden

**Disabled Services Division**

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