**Mayor’s Disability Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 12, 2023, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Mayor’s Conference 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, Denise Torres, Jose Morales, Karen Prewitt, Barbara Brown, Anida Pollo, Ray Pringle, Amy Nelson, Natalie Alden, Walter Johnson, Ron McCauley, and Beth Putnam
* **Board Members Absent:** Lisa Parlapiano
* **Disabled Services Staff Present:** Kara Tucker, Lois Smokes, Jennifer Wolf, Jimmy Smith, and Clinton Hamilton
* **In Person Attendees:** Director Darryl Joseph, Denise V., Alice Krauss (Brooks Rehab), Stephanie Young (Challenge Enterprises), Gonza Gonzague (VR), and Teona Haugabook (Ms. Wheelchair)
* **Welcome and Introduction** – Chair Jose Morales
* **Public Comment** – All Attendees
  + (NONE)
* **Approval of Minutes from 12/2022** – Chair Jose Morales
  + Motion by Ray, second by Dan; no discussion, motion passes
* **Disabled Services** – Chief Kara Tucker
* **Old Business** – Chair Jose Morales and Co-Chair Natalie Alden
  + Review 2022 goals and accomplishments
  + Changes were made to the year report and a motion was made by Natalie to submit the report with the proposed changes, which was seconded by Dan, and all voted yes
    1. Jose to provide a letter to the Mayor, as Chair of MDC
    2. Add the mental health first aid training before the epilepsy first aid training
    3. Remove the Jaguars game, since this is not hosted by Disabled Services or MDC
    4. All of the proclamations from the year are missing and need to be added
    5. Add the Soccer Tournament put on by Brooks under the Sponsorships given
    6. Under the meeting with JTA’s Nathan Ford, add “showing them practical resolutions to actual current problems facing the disability community.”
    7. The synopses for the employer engagement sessions are too wordy and need to be condensed
    8. All of the pictures need to be separated from the text somehow as it clutters the visual component
    9. The synopsis under the community employment award for Mr. Davis is also too wordy and needs to be condensed
    10. Mr. McGuire’s community employment award section is missing both a synopsis and a picture
    11. Remove the image for the fair housing symposium and replace it with only the date and topics discussed; request to be added to the flyer for 2023
    12. Under “Recommendations”, add the recommendation for more focused trainings for JSO Officers for Disability trainings
    13. Under “Accomplishments”, add the letter of recommendation for the JSO co-responder program and how they received a grant for it
* **New Business** – Chair Jose Morales
  + “Bring a Friend” has been suggested in order to build the connection to the constituents of Duval County
  + A request was made to invite whoever gets voted in as the new Mayor
  + City Council is doing a medical subcommittee and MDC members need to attend and participate, possible creating their own subcommittee to mirror their efforts
  + Seeking mini presentations from each organization that helps the disability community
  + Conference Room 3C will be for the subcommittee meetings and the Mayor’s Conference Room will be where the main board meeting will be held
* **Presentations / Announcements**
  + Jill Enz, Chief of Natural and Marine Resources
    1. Isabelle is a JU Student who is working on inclusive/accessible parks and is conducting research for future park development
    2. 405 parks in Jacksonville
* **Subcommittee Reports (5 minutes) –** NOTE, there were no reports, only individuals assigned to each subcommittee for the new year
  + **LEAPSC Subcommittee:** Denise as Chair, Natalie as Co-Chair; additional members: Anida, Ron, Beth, and Barbara
  + **Adaptive Recreation Subcommittee:** Ray as Chair, Karen as Co-Chair; additional members: Jose, Walter, Dan, and Denise
  + **Employment Subcommittee:** Lisa as Chair, Dan as Co-Chair; additional members: Jose, Amy, and Barbara
* **Public Comment** – All Attendees
* **Adjourn Meeting** – Ray motioned to adjourn, Denise seconded, motion passed without discussion

Chair: Jose Morales

Co-Chair: Natalie Alden

**Disabled Services Division**

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