**Mayor’s Disability Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, June 6, 2023 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, Amy Nelson, Denise Torres, Anida Pollo, Ron McCauley, Jose Morales, and Barbara Brown
* **Board Members Absent:** Lisa Parlapiano, Walter Johnson, Natalie Alden and Beth Putnam
* **Disabled Services Staff Present:** Kara Tucker, Lois Smokes, and Matthew Jackson
* **In Person Attendees:** Chris Macklin (JTA), Alice Krauss (Brooks Rehab and Teona Haugabook (Ms. Wheelchair)
* **Welcome and Introduction** – Chair Jose Morales
* **Public Comment** – All Attendees
* **Approval of Minutes from 05/2023** – Chair Jose Morales **(Tabled)**
* **Presentation / Announcements**
  + Amy Valentines with the Duval County Public Schools provide an update regarding the DCPS ESE Programs
* **Disabled Services** – Chief Kara Tucker
  + Division Updates
* **Old Business** – Chair Jose Morales and Co-Chair Natalie Alden
* **New Business** – Chair Jose Morales
* **Subcommittee Reports (5 minutes)**

1. **LEAPSC Subcommittee** – Legislation (Tabled)

Education-School Board Presentations: Kara Tucker reported Amy Valentine will give the presentation for the school board at the Mayor’s Disability Council Board Meeting.

* 1. Scholarships (DSD) – Kara Tucker reported a meeting request will be sent out to review the scholarship applications.
     + James Brady
     + Mark Roesser

Public Safety

* 1. DPEP (DSD)- Officer Hamilton

FY 2023: 986 Citations; 9 voids

DPEP Training – August 25th , Parking Court- June 14th

* 1. JSO: Kara Tucker reported- JSO has returned to the Mayor’s Disability Council Board meeting at 3:00 PM.

Community

* 1. 2nd Annual Disability Expo Lois Reported we meet last month at the Prime Osborn Convention Center to do a tour of the facility, Breakout Rooms and Exhibit Hall were finalized. Working in the process for the stage, exhibitor booths, and additional chairs with tables. Lunch is $25 per box, only allowed to use the Savor for food, and no outside food is allowed. Looking for sponsors to assist with lunches; Comcast and JEA are potential sponsors but have not committed at this time. Let’s Talk IEPs sponsor the water dispensers (water table), the alternative for lunch would be to offer a $10 voucher to the 1st 500 registrants. Registration closes for the vendor on June 23rd. Community and volunteer registration opens on June 23rd.
  2. Sponsorships (DSD): None

1. **Adaptive Recreation Subcommittee** – **Parks updates: Shipyards West Community Engagement**

Mari presented the new design of the Shipyard to the subcommittee and asked for their feedback. Mari job is to take the shipyard project and show it to the community to get feedback on what they want to see in the park and there were surveys that she discussed the highlight points. Alice Krauss asked if there was a person on the team that is ensuring the park is all-inclusive. Mari will follow up and get back to the subcommittee regarding Alice’s question. **Update regarding adaptive recreation:** Ray Pringle reported on the brochures published by Public Trust/Visit Jacksonville. The brochures are very informative but none show information about accessibility. Ray would like the subcommittee to look at it, Jose asked what are the steps; **First Step:** Kara will meet with Mack Blanton regarding the accessible content regarding all of City Properties. **Second Step:** Kara will take the information to the Parks and Recreation Department, Katie with Visit Jacksonville is coming to the July meeting to talk about the updates. Jose stated if Mack already has the information Kara can just give it to Visit Jacksonville and let them make the changes. Dan O’Connor suggests it also mention the Disabled Services Office. Ray reported he visited coj.net, Parks and Recreation, and visit Jax’s website and found only three places on those websites that talked about accessibility. Kara will bring it up at the next water way’s meeting, and work with Mack and the department about the list. **Waterways Commission-** Kara Tucker reported the next Waterways meeting is Wednesday at 9:30 am; in the council chambers. **Brooks Event-** Alice Krauss reported the surf event was canceled to the rip tides and the shore break, the surf event has been rescheduled for July 15th, Brooks does not have another big event, they will be involved in the Disability Expo, water ski is tentative to be held in August at Kingsley Lake.

1. **Employment Subcommittee** – Disability Expo – July 26th Lisa is waiting for Todd Doughty to respond. A request was submitted to Southeast-OFCCP; 90 minutes 2 half-hour presentations, and a half-hour panel. Panelist are: Rebecca Scissors, Angie Miller-Walker, Kay Baker. **Mentoring Day** – October 2023: Lisa Parlapiano reported-Extra meeting on May 10th for planning the Disability Mentor activity in October 2023. Tyler Morris, Center for Independent Living (CIL) stated they support it, but things are really busy, they have a lot of activities going on at the CIL. Key and point people need to be identified. Tyler stated we will help as much as we can; we have a core contingency of people we need to provide services to but we will help where we can. Nothing formal was initiated. April and Tyler agreed to join the next meeting. April with CIL shared information/ideas and suggested a disability mentor week; suggestions were well taken and supported. Lisa asked the group how they felt about the suggestion. The group will need to identify the week for the Disability Mentor event and find sponsors for the celebration breakfast/lunch. Jose stated April mentioned finding places where people can do job shadowing, CIL will provide at least 5 participants from the new transition group and CIL would like to know if they will be facilitating the matching at one location, CIL can help with the celebration of the breakfast/lunch and what other partners will need from CIL. The committee agreed hosting the Disability Mentor Activity for one week is a good idea. The location for breakfast or lunch was discussed. Kara Tucker will request the proclamation for Disability Mentor Month. Challenge Enterprises agree to assist. Jose suggested Kara Tucker send an official invite email to VR and other agencies once the date is finalized. Lisa shared the following documents: mentee application, excel spreadsheet, Facebook and media post to go out business, etc. The liability will be discussed at the next meeting. **Community Employee of the Quarter** – Resend out –Kara will create a flyer for the Community Employee nomination. **Community Employer of the Quarter-** Pitney Bowes, Hyatt Regency July 21st

* **Ad Hoc Reports**
  + ESE – Amy Valentine / Rebecca Scissors: Presentation on the DCPS ESE Program
  + JSO – (varies): (NONE)
  + Transportation – JTA/MV ridership was 87% on time performance; 90% on time appointments; 89% late less than 30 minutes
  + VR – Gonza Gonzague: (NONE)
  + Brooks Rehabilitation – Alice Krauss: surfing event is up next
* **Public Comment** – All Attendees
* **Adjourn Meeting** – Chair Jose Morales
  + Meeting adjourned at 4:54 pm; Ray motioned, Dan seconded, passed unanimously and without discussion

Chair: Jose Morales

Co-Chair: Natalie Alden

**Disabled Services Division**

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