**Mayor’s Disability Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM**

**Main Library / 303 N Laura Street / Large Conference Room**

*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**

* **Welcome and Introduction** – Chair Jose Morales
* **Public Comment** – All Attendees
* **Approval of Minutes** – Chair Jose Morales
* **Presentation / Announcements**
* **Disabled Services** – Chief Kara Tucker
  + Division Updates - new Coj Site introduced Jacksonville.gov
  + Disability expo planning meeting was held
* **Old Business** – Chair Jose Morales and Co-Chair Natalie Alden- yearly report inputs needed for December meeting.
* **New Business** – Chair Jose Morales**- New Chair and Co-chair Voted in. Jose Morales will remain chair and Natalie Alden will remain co-chair.**
* **Subcommittee Reports (5 minutes)**
  + **LEAPSC Subcommittee – Natalie Alden**
* Jose Discussed incentives for housing owners to give a grace period for late paying tenants with disabilities.
* The lack of beach accessibility was discussed. Natalie suggested writing a proposal for resolution and present it to City Council.
* Natalie discussed parking spaces allotted to an area and who receives a placard.
* Section 8-11 Funding to build access units for people with disabilities
  + **Adaptive Recreation Subcommittee** – Ray Pringle
* Proforma is needed to move forward with center.
* A subcommittee will be created to discuss the proforma
* Brooks will use an old proforma template to help create the proforma for the center
* Dan suggested the subcommittee get letters of support from the city council members.
  + **Employment Subcommittee** – Lisa Parlapiano
* Employer Engagement sessions 2024 Awarded To Pitney Bowes
* Board wants to create a council to reach out to ESE Directors
* Job fair had several persons with disabilities attend. (Applicants for EA and DPEP attended)
* Hiring abilities can piggyback on the City job fair in the future
  + Board would like to support small businesses for people with disabilities by showing them how to get funding and write business plans.
* **Ad Hoc Reports**
  + Duval County Public Schools – Amy Valentine / Rebecca Scissors (Nothing to Report)
  + JSO – (varies) Nothing to Report
  + Library/Talking Books – (varies) New person appoint to position, will be invited to MDC in December
  + Transportation – JTA/MV- Ride share 22376 on time 89%, Connection+ 14636, 92% 30 mins or less late
  + VR – Gonza Gonzague- System Down
  + Brooks Rehabilitation – Alice Krauss – Kayaking and fishing event held in November, December 8th talent show
  + CIL – Aaron Lewis – Thanksgiving meal pass out, Amazon donations will be given out
* **Public Comment** – All Attendees - Challenge America awarded for employment efforts.
* **Adjourn Meeting** – Chair Jose Morales

Chair: Jose Morales

Co-Chair: Natalie Alden

**Disabled Services Division**

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