**Mayor’s Disability Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 3, 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, Denise Torres, Jose Morales, Ray Pringle, Natalie Alden, and Barbara Brown, Anida Pollo
* **Board Members Absent:** Amy Nelson, Ron McCauley , and Beth Putnam Walter Johnson, ,
* **Disabled Services Staff Present:** Kara Tucker, Lois Smokes, and Matthew Jackson
* **In Person Attendees:** Gonza Gonzague (VR),
* **Welcome and Introduction** – Chair Jose Morales, Ray pringle read off rules of conduct for MDC Meeting
* **Public Comment** – All Attendees
  + **Sarah Morris spoke on brooks rehab patients being stranded by JTA and having to be picked up by family members**
* **Approval of Minutes from 09/2023** – Chair Jose Morales
  + No quorum
* **Presentation / Announcements**
  + No presentation given
* **Disabled Services** – Chief Kara Tucker
  + Job Fair Oct 26 10-2pm
  + White Cane awareness Oct 12th
  + White Cane safety walk Oct 14th
* **Old Business** – Chair Jose Morales and Co-Chair Natalie Alden
  + Oct 24th VR information meeting 9 -2pm, 3-4pm public forum
  + Dan O’Connor Asked about PSA for education on disabilities
* **New Business** – Chair Jose Morales –

CIL food pantry in the works

* **Subcommittee Reports (5 minutes)**
* LEAPSC Subcommittee – Expo planning meeting 1st Monday of the month.
  + November 2nd Duval Delegation meeting
  + Will work with schools for transition fairs
  + Kara will work on getting an account where Disabled services will be able to received sponsorship money
* Adaptive Recreation Subcommittee –Sunny Acres parking lot is close to be finished
  + Dan oconnor spoke on finding a location for the sports venue.
  + Sunny acres parking lot will be done by fall and the inside will begin by spring 2024
  + Each agency will need to provide a list or services that will be available and how many people can it serve at the future multipurpose venue.
* Employment Subcommittee – Career fair Nominees needed for employee and employer awards.
* **Ad Hoc Reports**
  + ESE – Amy Valentine / Rebecca Scissors: Lead teacher meeting are being set up for agencies to speak to teachers.
    1. October 11th will be the next meeting.
    2. November 6th will be a coaching meeting for student with autism spectrum disorder 830-1130
  + JSO – (varies): JSO will need from the board the logistics of where the white cane walk will be crossing so there can be adequate staffing.
  + Library/Talking Books – Tonja Ferrell replaced Chris Eaton
  + Transportation – JTA/MV: 23159 Connections services,12,233connections plus, 90% on time service, 30 minutes or less late trips 92%.
  + VR – Gonza Gonzague: Getting and updated system
  + Brooks Rehabilitation – Adaptive cycle event and Wheelchair rugby Oct 7. Adaptive Kayak event Oct 28th
  + CIL – (None) giving free inoculation shots including flu, and covid 19.
* **Public Comment** – November 1st new chair of JTAC will be Russ Davis.
* **Adjourn Meeting** – Chair Jose Morales
  + Meeting adjourned by chair at 4:39 pm

Chair: Jose Morales

Co-Chair: Natalie Alden

**Disabled Services Division**

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