***Minutes of the Meeting of the Mayor’s Disability Council***

*Tuesday, December 3, 2024; 3:00PM*

*Main Library, Multipurpose Conference Room*

**~Members Present:** Jose Morales,Natalie Alden,Ron McCauley, Dan O’Connor, Ray Pringle, Anida Pollo, Denise Torres &

Stephanie Young

**~Ad Hoc Members Present:** Megan Hyman (Brooks Rehab), Mia Johnson (JTA), Tsopie Trottie (JTA)

& Gonza Gonzague (VR)

**~Staff Members Present:** Kara Tucker, Lois Smokes, Matthew Jackson & Tereese Goodloe

**~Public Guest Present:** Carmen Townsend (JT Townsend Foundation), MaKayla Morton (Brooks Rehab student intern), Patrick Young (Patrick Young Foundation)

Meeting started at 3:01 pm by Chair Jose Morales and opened with…

* **Welcome and Introduction**
  + A total of 7 members present (Quorum), 4 Ad Hoc members present, and 4 Staff members present.
* **Pledge of Allegiance**
  + All in attendance
* **Parliamentarian** 
  + Briefing by Ray Pringle
* **Vote to Approve Minutes** 
  + MOVED BY: Ray Pringle, TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM: October 1, 2024. SECOND BY: Barbara Brown.
* **Announcements**
  + Kara Tucker, DSD
    - FSA Recs attended the November 22nd Ribbon cutting ceremony on behalf of Mayor
    - Career Source Training December 13
    - MDC 2025 Training Meeting 2nd Tuesday in January (tentative) 10am – 3pm
      * + We will follow up with the location
    - May 20 - 23rd Neighborhoods National Conference: call for Presenters coming soon
* **Guest Speaker(s)**
  + Carmen Townsend from JT Townsend Foundation
* Need equipment, strollers, car seats, etc.
* Need help with Wheelchair Ramps
* Organization named after her son
* Have helped 1200 families
* If you know of someone needing help or in need, fill out application for the JT Townsend Foundation
  + Upcoming Events
* Toy Drive on December 10th
* 1k, 5k & 10k walk on December 7th
* **Guest Speaker(s)**
  + Patrick Young from Patrick Young Foundation
* Foundation dedicated to filling in the gaps of the holes for people living with disabilities live a full life
* Provide $1000 grants for Jacksonville & Gainesville area who’ve had injuries and just need financial help
* 3rd year of the Foundation
* PY4Foundation.org [Patric Young Foundation | Illuminating The Path To Wholeness](https://www.py4foundation.org/)
* **Subcommittee Reports/update (5 minutes)**
  + **LEAPSC Subcommittee – Natalie Alden**
    - Education: Resource Night –
    - JTA/DOT meeting information – waiting on Ken Middleton
    - Brochure approval still waiting on PIO
  + **Employment Subcommittee** – **Stephanie Young**
    - * CareerSource Training, December 13th, at Thrasher-Horne Center
      * Entrepreneurship program - working on launch date, finalizing curriculum & application process
      * Pledge Card Program: waiting on status of approval
      * Why Hire Draft: edits needed
      * Went over yearly report
  + **Access to Health & Wellbeing/Adaptive Sports** – **Jose Morales &** **Ray Pringle** - ***Ray Pringle***

*advised no quorum but great discussion*

* Medical Access Conference will work with Mayor’s office on
* Town Hall will discuss in January Planning meeting
* White Paper Report on Adaptive Sports Community Center
* **Ad Hoc Reports**
  + **Career Source – Lou Anne Hasty (not present)**
  + **Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) – Amy Valentine (not present)**
  + **JSO – Lt. Michael Nguyen (not present)**
  + **Library/Talking Books – Tonja Ferrell (not present)**
  + **Transportation – Mia Johnson (JTA)** 
    - Stats for November:
      * + On Time Performance (OTP)

89% for pick up

94% for appointment

Ridership Riders– 22,168

Ridership Trips – 20,093

* + - Top 3 Concerns:
      * + no show
        + rude
        + late
  + **MV Transportation** – **Jim Neddo**

Anthony “AJ” Jones – MV Operations Manager

* + - Addressing issues
  + **VR – Gonza Gonzague** –
    - Improved vendor payment process
  + **Brooks Rehabilitation – Megan Hyman** 
    - Community Sports Group meeting monthly, 3rd Monday of month, 5:30 – 7:30pm
    - More members would like to attend MDC
    - Talent show last month
    - 1st ever Brooks Challenge Mile in Orland this weekend
    - Ice Skating event for Youth, Sunday, December 15th
    - January 17 – 19th Wheelchair Rugby
    - River City Classic, power soccer, January 25 – 26th
    - Free training for power soccer referee
  + **CIL – Jose Morales** 
    - Give out turkeys to 35 families
    - Accessibility workshops – coming soon
* **Vote for Board Chair, Vice Chair & Secretary** 
  + **Nominations for Board Chair:**
    - *Ray Pringle*
    - *Dan O’Connor*
    - *Natalie Alden*
    - *Teona Haugabook*
  + **Majority vote went to Ray Pringle, accepted position as 2025 MDC Board Chairperson**
  + **Nominations for Board Vice Chair:**
    - *Stephanie Young*
    - *Natalie Alden*
    - *Dan O’Connor*
    - *Teona Haugabook*
  + **Majority vote went to Stephanie Young, accepted position as 2025 MDC Board Vice Chairperson**
  + **Floor nominations for Board Secretary:**
    - Anida Pollo – declined
    - Jose Morales – will assist if needed
    - Tereese Goodloe – remains MDC secretary for 2025
* **Public Comment:**
  + John Nooney –
    - participated in “Resilient Jacksonville” October 2023
    - Public access on waterways is worse ever
    - 90% of Public access private
    - 10% on waterways is public
* **Adjourn Meeting** –
  + Motioned by Ron McCauley, 2nd by several, meeting adjourned

Chair: Jose Morales

Vice-Chair: Natalie Alden

**Disabled Services Division**

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