**Mayor’s Disability Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 6, 2024 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM**

**City Hall / 117 West Duval St / Mayor’s Conference Rm**

*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 opened with Pledge of Allegiance

**Members Present**:

* **Parliamentarian:** Ray Pringle-passed
* **Public Comment:**

Stephanie Young Challenge Enterprises-

* Gate River Run March 2nd, Sign-up challengeenterprises.org event page
* TPC Tickets cheaper
* **Approval of Minutes –** Chair Jose Morales

Motioned by Natalie to table minutes for January to next meeting, 2nd by Ray Pringle

* Meeting times discrepancy
* Keep standard timeframe, 3pm-5pm confirmed by Kara Tucker
* **Presentations**

No presenters today – chair ask that subcommittees focus on presenters while planning

* Amy Linked-to-Life focuses on suicide
* Invite Council Members, future President of Council, Randy White
  + Council President/Vice-President change over in July-current President is CM Ronald Salem and CM Randy White is VP of City Council
* Invite Mayor-Priority-hopefully before May
* **Announcements**

Center for Independent Living- Jose Morales:

* Free taxes through United Way-Tuesdays and Thursdays
* Free Vaccine to public- flu shots, Covid-19 shots
* **Disabled Services** – Chief Kara Tucker
  + Division Updates
* ADA week, week of July 26
* EXPO,
* JaxReady Fest, working with JFRD
* Adult Changing Table Legislation-survey will be sent out
* DPEP-update in May
* **Old Business** –
* focus on helping with assignments in subcommittees try best to participate
* 2023 Final Draft Report-cannot vote on
* Waiting on nominations
* **New Business** – Chair Jose Morales
  + 2024 Goals and Objectives
* **Subcommittee Reports (5 minutes)**
  + LEAPSC Subcommittee – Natalie Alden

4 member’s total-

* **Members present:** Natalie Alden, Dan O’Connor, Barbara Brown, & (Stephanie Young
* **Members absent:** Ron McClauley
* Quorum-Yes

1. Public Safety Campaign
2. Goals-Proclamations
3. AIRA app & White Cane Awareness-

Ms. Barbara working on

1. Presentation -JTEC,
2. Mental Health & Epilepsy Trainings
3. Presentation from JSO-Kara working on
4. Events Calendar-3 main event:
   1. March 23-Iceman
   2. April 20-Jumbo Shrimp
   3. July 20-Sharks
5. Updating MDC brochure-Stephanie Young working on
6. Monitoring public events
7. List of Venues for Event Ticket giveaway
8. Accessible Parking issues-Presentation
9. Accessible Porta Potty’s
10. Both Public Works, Mack (regarding sidewalks & new construction), Art Museum Dr Ken Middleton, Bus stop accessibility, all partners for update. DOJ settlement and where at on that
11. Round-abouts disability safety paper
12. JTEC after-hour facilities
13. Wheelchair access and parking
14. Bullet point for Adult Changing Tables
15. 1 Sponsorship-Tools for Success $1500
    * Adaptive Recreation Subcommittee –

Ray Pringle- objectives for the year

1. Developing a Performa-Inclusive Adaptive Sports & Conference Center
2. Develop guide map for accessible parks

Work with DSD and VisitJax-create PSA’s

1. Work with Public Works-accessible bathrooms and parking
2. Monitor Kayak Launches
3. Monitor & advise on accessibility on Emerald Trail, Stadium Trail and Sunny Acres and on waterway access
4. Beach Access-Prepare White Paper & action items
5. Participate with DIA-presentation at Council meeting.

* Request survey when giving out event tickets if survey questions created
* Health Access & Community Initiative-3 Town Halls:

1. June – All about health and access
2. September – SOE Office and Public Safety
3. October – Employment and Mental Health

* Motioned to open discussion on subcommittee proposal for 3 Town Halls, motion was 2nd.

Discussion started with Dan O’Connor:

Concerns with sacrificing regular meeting 2 months in a row.

Consider keeping regular meeting and Town Hall in addition instead of in place of.

Natalie Alden:

No planning to where these meetings are going to be…creating a hardship for people wanting to come and for the committee

Ray Pringle:

Important we get out in the community-Town Halls something important…not sure about doing 2 months in a row

Motion to vote to accept months (June, September & October), times (6pm-8pm) and themes: 3 nays/ 1 yay - did not pass.

Motion for June & September Town Halls by Ray Pringle, 2nd by Jose Morales: open for discussion, started with

Lisa Palipiano:

Suggest the committee to work on planning more and bring back with more details

Natalie Alden:

Agree with Lisa, hard to support without more concrete information

Kara Tucker:

Keep regular MDC meetings from 3-5 or other dates to do this

Natalie motioned to keep regular meetings regular and do 2 Town Halls, 2nd by Dan O’Connor, Vote to move motion passed 3/2.

* + Employment Subcommittee – Dan O’Connor

1. How to increase education & awareness of existing resources on trying to obtain employment opportunities
2. 20/20 Plan – partnership with Chambers, Daniel Davis and Connectibility
3. Anniversary of ADA
4. Disability Symposium/Disability EXPO
5. Nomination Forms for Employee/Employer: Possibilities – invite to meeting
6. JSEP – shared White Paper
7. Considering Self-Employment
8. COJ Career Fair – April 9th
9. Disability Mentoring Day – Lisa will look into

* **Ad Hoc Reports**
  + Duval County Public Schools – Amy Valentine/ Rebecca Scissors
* Westside Transition Night-will send info out once received
* 29th Tools for Success Conference at Schultz, February 16
* Exceptional Student Education Advisory Committee (ESEAC) meeting in February 22 – will send virtual meeting link
  + JSO – (varies) Not present
  + Library/Talking Books – (varies) Tonja Ferrell
* Talking books: e-readers/Braille e-readers
* New books by mail program – music CD’s, DVD’s
  + Transportation JTA/MV – Chris Macklin
* Donovan Calicker: New Director of mobility services – connection, ready ride, flex services
* James Sear: New MV Transportation GM – getting more involved in community partnerships from MV
  + VR – Gonza Gonzague
* Focus on Vendors
* Some Fee changes-not all approved yet
* VR Managements System-changes
  + Brooks Rehabilitation – Alice Krauss Not Present
* **Public Comment** –

Speaker card: Shelia

* Son is Autistic student (speech & Language)at Pinedale Elementary
* issue with Teacher/hitting Teacher
* Calling school every day (3 months)
* Putting him in a room by himself for over an hour, 45mins.
* Not viewing the student’s IEP
* Finally got meeting with someone/son been out of school since October
* Protocol?
* Giving the run-around
* **Rapid Fire** – Natalie Alden
* Senate Bill 212: Medicaid buy-in program for individuals with Disabilities
* House Bill 341: put your diagnosis on Motor Vehicle Registration
* House Bill 561: End-of-life option
* Senate Bill 726: Priority Enrollment for Medicaid Home & community-based Services
* House Bill 937: Update language on Purple Alert for certain missing adults
* House Bill 1137: Better employment for people with disabilities
* **Adjourn Meeting** – Chair Jose Morales

Motion to adjourn by Natalie, 2nd by Lisa, no further discussion, meeting adjourn at 4:55pm

Chair: Jose Morales

Vice-Chair: Natalie Alden

**Disabled Services Division**

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