**Mayor’s Hispanic American Advisory Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM**

**City Hall / St. James Building, Third Floor Conference Room C**

**117 West Duval Street**

**And Via Zoom**

**MINUTES**

* **Call to Order**
* **Pledge of Allegiance**
* **Welcome and Introduction**
  + Board members in person: Jose Morales, Martha Torres, Miguel Dipierri, Nelson Silverio, Zergihno Roell Garcia, and Aida Seeraj
  + Board members virtually: Demika Jackson
  + COJ/DSD staff in person: Kara Tucker and Jennifer Wolf
  + COJ/DSD staff virtually:
  + Guests: Mike McCormick, Maria Machin, Michael Boatman, Glorimar Rodriguez, Officer Vargas (International Affairs Unit, JSO), and Andrea Hartley-Meyers (COJ Office of Ethics)
* **Public Comment**
  + Maria – fire department needs to be reaching out more to the Hispanic Community; Miguel said that they are currently working on a program to do just that
  + Officer Vargas – he requested assistance from Martha with community connections since she works in property management
* **Approval of Minutes from 01/22, 02/22, 03/22, 04/22, 05/22, 06/22, 07/22, and 08/22**
  + Aida motioned to accept all, Miguel seconded, motion passed with no discussion
  + Request was made to now upload the approved minutes to their webpage
* **Speakers**
  + Andre Hartley-Meyers, MNA, Ethics Program and Training Manager, Office of Ethics, Compliance and Oversight, City of Jacksonville
  + Robert’s Rules of Order Review/Training
  + MHAAB agenda is following the guidelines set
  + Examples provided of how topic discussions could take place so as to keep the meeting running smoothly and on schedule
  + Public comment can be allowed after every major vote and it can be limited to a specific amount of minutes to keep the meeting running smoothly and on time
* **Old Business**
  + Partnership event with SBA North Florida: unable to vote on this due to no quorum
  + First Taco Fest just happened and a second one is coming in one week
* **New Business**
  + New Board Member: Martha Torres with Optivo Group (property management); 2 vacant seats remain
  + Nominations for board positions – tabled until October
  + 100th Anniversary: Fire Prevention Week – is in partnership with the Red Cross and is currently seeking volunteers to help
  + Jose motions to discuss having this meeting in the community and moving it to a quarterly meeting; Aida seconded; discussion commenced about where to meet and to begin in 2023; all voted yes
  + Generate a topic per month to focus on, seek speakers for, and highlight events (Proclamations? Please allow 30 days)
    1. September
       1. PROCLAMATION: Hispanic Business Month – September 13th
       2. Taco Fest
       3. Taco/Tequila Fest
       4. Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
       5. Fruit and Veggies - More Matters Month
       6. Yoga Awareness Month
       7. Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
       8. Infant Mortality Awareness Month
    2. October
       1. Domestic Violence Awareness Month
       2. Breast Cancer Awareness Month
       3. Bullying Prevention Month
       4. Hispanic Heritage month
    3. November
       1. American Diabetes Month
       2. Lung Cancer Awareness Month
       3. Alzheimer’s Disease Awareness Month
    4. December
       1. Safe Toys and Gifts Month
* **Subcommittee Reports**
  + Public Safety – Miguel Dipierri: has requested that the board assist with narrowing down areas in the community that would need Fire Prevention information
  + Veterans – Demika Jackson: November 12th will have a celebration Honoring Hispanic Veterans
  + Education – Jen Silva: (NONE)
  + Healthcare – Aida Seeraj: August 31st proclamation for overdose awareness; 240 Narcan kits handed out within the community (homes and businesses)
  + Faith-based – (??): (NONE)
  + Media/Public Relations – Jorge Lopez and Nelson Silverio: seeking “Why are we here?” question/answers from board members to post to social media
  + Business – Luis Montiel and Zergihno Roell Garcia: JTA wants to partner with small businesses in the Hispanic Community (construction for now); trying to assist with bringing 1000 work visas to Florida in agriculture, construction, and hospitality/food service
  + Community Initiative – Jose Morales: on November 2nd, the Center for Independent Living Jacksonville is having a repair clinic for medical equipment
* **Public Comment** – All Attendees
  + (NONE)
* **Adjourn Meeting: 12:27 pm; motion by Miguel, second by Aida; motion passed with no discussion**

Chair: Jorge Lopez

Vice-Chair: Jose Morales

**Disabled Services Division**

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