**Mayor’s Hispanic American Advisory Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 18, 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, Jorge Lopez, Martha Torres, Miguel Dipierri, Nelson Silverio, Luis Montiel, and Aida Seeraj
  + Board members virtually: Zergihno Roell Garcia and Jen Silva
  + COJ/DSD staff in person: Kara Tucker and Jennifer Wolf
  + COJ/DSD staff virtually:
  + Guests: Jose Vega, Ana Grogan, Maria Machin, Arlene Ortiz, Glorimar Rodriguez, and Raul (Mambas)
* **Public Comment**
  + Martha – November 12th is Optivo Group’s Fall Festival
  + October 22nd is Jax University Food Wellness Awareness Food drive
* **Approval of Minutes from 09/22**
  + Jose motioned to accept all, Luis seconded, motion passed with no discussion
* **Speakers**
  + Arlene Ortiz: Sister Cities/Puerto Rico
  + Interactive Museum
  + Documents, music, antiques, photos
  + Multinational
  + Work with students and companies
  + 50+ vendors
  + Jose recommended a partnership with Visit Jax
* **Old Business**
  + Partnership event with SBA North Florida: Jose motioned to partner with SBA, Luis seconded with amended motion that there be discussion in the future to how they partner, motion passed unanimously
* **New Business**
  + Nominations for board positions – Jorge nominated Jose for Chair and Luis for Chair, Martha nominated Jennifer W. for Secretary, Aida seconded and the motion passed unanimously
  + Year Report Time
  + January planning meeting; discuss changing meeting dates, times, format; discuss combining subcommittees
  + Generate a topic per month to focus on, seek speakers for, and highlight events (Proclamations? Please allow 30 days)
    1. October
       1. Domestic Violence Awareness Month
       2. Breast Cancer Awareness Month
       3. Bullying Prevention Month
       4. Hispanic Heritage month
    2. November
       1. American Diabetes Month
       2. Lung Cancer Awareness Month
       3. Alzheimer’s Disease Awareness Month
    3. December
       1. Safe Toys and Gifts Month
* **Subcommittee Reports**
  + Public Safety – Miguel Dipierri: reminder about free fire alarms for homes
  + Veterans – Demika Jackson: November 12th will have a celebration Honoring Hispanic Veterans
  + Education – Jen Silva: requested special recognition for some outstanding principles on social media; #ThankAPrinciple
  + Healthcare – Aida Seeraj: October 13th she attended a Drug Epidemiology meeting where Fentanyl was discussed (1 pill can kill slogan); October 28th Inspire to Rise is hosting a Trunk Or Treat event from 5pm to 7 pm and there will be health staff present
  + Faith-based – Martha Torres: suggested making this not about the church but about the people; this is more than being about religion
  + 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 (500 to Jacksonville)
  + Community Initiative – Jose Morales: JTA CEO get together will be rescheduled; City Council has created a Quality of Life subcommittee that Jose requested participation from the board at
* **Public Comment** – All Attendees
  + (NONE)
* **Adjourn Meeting: 12:40 pm**

Chair: Jorge Lopez

Vice-Chair: Jose Morales

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