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Community Initiative

Minutes*

Tuesday April 2, 2019 Meeting, Disabled Services Conference Room C

Members Present: Anida Pollo, Barbara Brown, Walter Johnson

Disabled Services Staff Present: Kevin McDaniel, Angie Miller, Lois Smokes, Jimmy Smith, Kara Tucker

In Attendance: The meeting was called to order at 11:04 a.m.

Introductions were made.

Kevin McDaniel provided an update on the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp game. The Mayor is tentatively scheduled to throw the first pitch. The Division has also confirmed the Mayor's box for additional accessible seating. The Division is working with the Jumbo Shrimp to provide a short announcement to recognize the Division and the MDC.

Carrence Bass provided an update on Autism Awareness Day. Carrence advocated that we all continue to do our part to improve awareness throughout the City. Autism Awareness Day will be celebrated on April 7th at the Rivercity Arts Market. The goal is 600 participants. The event is free and open to the public. Carrence wants to ensure vendors are present so resources are available. There will be an Arts Corner and several "Heroes and Villain" themed attractions on site. Carrence asked if there were representatives from the MDC that would like to attend kickoff, which will be at 7:00 a.m. Resource fair will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 12:00 p.m. Proclamation will be read at 7:30 a.m. Tables will be set up at 6:00 a.m. The Autism Drumline will perform as the runners return from their run between 9 and 9:30 a.m. Parking is available under the overpass and additional parking will be available at VyStar across the street from the event. Additional overflow parking may be available in the Black Knight parking lot.

Anido Pollo provided an update on FSCJ's participation in the symposium. FSCJ's IT team can provide a video and images of accommodations for the upcoming ADA Symposium. Kevin McDaniel provided an update on the symposium and registration. Natalie Alden suggested



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Kevin McDaniel present Special Events presentation because the Special Events speaker had not confirmed.

Angie Miller advocated that it is important that the committee members continue to bring their experiences to the council and Division so that those resources and stories can be shared in the Division's efforts to communicate with the public.

Jose Morales provided an update on Housing. Jose recently participated in a Florida Housing Committee to identify tools to assist the disability community in obtaining affordable housing. Kevin McDaniel reported that he met with Jim Kowalksi of Jax Area Legal Aid to work to identify ways the Division can assist in any efforts to improve access to housing for citizens with disabilities.

Jose Morales reported that while in Orlando at the Florida Housing meeting there were concerns that efforts were not cross disability. Natalie Alden stated that the state should be involved to ensure cross disability is incorporated into housing efforts. Jose Morales stated that the language needs to change to include all disabilities as it currently does not. Natalie Alden stated that citizens with disabilities need to be included in those discussions to ensure cross disability.

Lois Smokes reported to the council that Mental Health First Aid will be held on Friday in the Lynwood Roberts Room.

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Chair: Anida Pollo Co-Chair: Ronald McCauley
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