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Community Initiative

Minutes*

Tuesday March 5, 2019 Meeting, Disabled Services Conference Room C

Members Present: Barbara Brown, Walter Johnson, Natalie Alden

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

In Attendance: The meeting was called to order at 11:08 a.m.

Kevin McDaniel provided an update on events, including Fun with the Shrimp, Night in the Shark Tank (tentatively scheduled for July 27th), Autism Awareness Day, and the ADA Symposium.

The group discussed the division's planned City Resource Guide and welcome letter for citizens moving to Jacksonville.

Walter Jones reported that three citizens with autism were reported missing at the Monster Truck show and wanted to know how we could provide support to City vendors.

Barbara Brown reported that five parks were advertised as being developed to be all inclusive and autism friendly. Kevin McDaniel will follow up to identify those parks.

Walter Johnson requested information about the location of all beach chairs. The division stated that the chairs were available at Hanna and will follow up to confirm locations.

Walter Johnson suggested the division feature a "What it means to us" section in the division's 30th Anniversary video. He also asked that the video be in a format that can be updated over time. Barbara Brown offered to be interviewed in the video. Natalie Alden suggested we develop two videos, one to highlight the division's history and the other to highlight services and include interviews.

Natalie Alden asked the division to follow up with the Shrimp in regards to an audio/video recognition of the council and division during the division's Fun with the Shrimp game.



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Natalie Alden asked that generator safety be included in a list of topics for the next Emergency Preparedness Conference. Kara Tucker stated that she and Kevin McDaniel were meeting with the ILRC later in the month to discuss the event.

Carrence Bass, Making Strides for Autism, provided an update regarding the April 7th event. The Mayor and his family have been invited and she is working on the proclamation as well as a discount for COJ employees.

The committee began discussions about the next White Cane outreach campaign. The committee asked that public awareness campaigns about the City's efforts to improve accessibility continue to be done each year.

Meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Chair: Anida Pollo Disabled Services Division 117 West Duval Street, Suite 205 Jacksonville, FL 32202 904-630-4940