

Mayor's Young Leaders Advisory Council (MYLAC)

October 24th, 2020

Minutes

Proceedings of the Mayor's Young Leaders Advisory Council taken on October 24th, 2020 via Zoom commencing at 9:00 am.

Committee Members Attending

Jeanley Boursiquot, Katie Carlson, Maurice Chakour, Sarah Copeland, Cameron Demery, Onyekachi Egemonu, Olivia Gillis, Arianna Glover, Karthick Kumar, Savannah LeNoble, Jaira Lunsford, Rae Merrifield, Nidhi Patel, La'Mirakle Price, Logan Smedley, Daniela Valderrama, Mariah Valdez, Claude Wright, Jennifer Zheng

Staff Attending

Mike Winstein, Karen Cherney, John Everett, Mari Ganues, Aszloyn Wakefield, Heather Bogarty

Presenters Attending

Charles Moreland, Rebecca Zeigler, Leah Lynch, Carla Miller, Kirby Oberdorfer, Katrina Taylor

Rodney Wells called the meeting to order at 9 am.

- Rodney welcome MYLAC members (past and new), advisors and speakers
- Introduces John Everett
- John Everett gives acknowledgement to all speakers, MYLAC leadership and members and share the importance of speakers

(9:03) Mike Weinstein- CEO of Kids Hope Alliance (KHA) speaks about the mission KHA and shares a few important points

- The wider the foundation the higher you can build
- Experience all that you can
- Work toward things that you have the chance to change

Mike Weinstein introduces Dr. Charles Moreland

(9:08) Dr. Charles Moreland talks about:

- Teen civic engagement
- The gravity (importance) of MYLAC
- Importance of hearing ideas from MYLAC
- Importance of leaders AND followers
- There are people surrounding MYLAC that want us to be successful
- Engagement matters

(9:22) Rebecca Zeilger (Senior Training Spc., COJ)

- Discussed COJ mission and vision
- Talked about the actions of the Mayor in the wake of COVID
- Objectives
 - Understanding of “One Organization”
 - Benefits of Consolidation
- Consolidation- Merger of Jacksonville and Duval county (government & policy)
- Gave some city history
- Previous mayors review
- 1968 the city consolidated
- Review 3 branches of government
- Talked about the roles and responsibilities of the mayor
- What would we be without local government? (parks, after school programs ,etc)
- Explained roles of each branch of government
- Talked about independent boards and agencies (JEA, JTA, etc.)
- Ethics Offices
 - Success= preparedness, determination, execution
 - For questions call:255-5583
- Floor open for questions

(9:50) Leah Lynch introduces KK Cherney

- A liaison from Goodwill

Aszloyn Wakefield notes the new Goodwill partnership

- Future of MYLAC in-person meetings

(10:10) Andrea Myers (Coordinator for cities Ethics Office) along with Kirby Oberdorfer and Carla Miller

- Talked about relevant ethics laws
- Sunshine Laws
 - Prevent people from having no idea what is going in the room
 - Transparency in government
- Public has a right to hear decisions and comment on them
- Everything must be open to the public including zoom rooms
- Don't talk about MYLAC business with other MYLAC members outside of OFFICIAL meetings (including on social media)
- Notices and meeting minutes must be published
- Cannot talk to other people serving on your council about council business outside of official meetings
- Public Records- if taking notes related to MYLAC are public record
- Personal gain from city position (not good)
- No special treatment should be awarded for being a part of MYLAC
- Personal Gain:
 - Gifts
 - Misuse of Position
 - Misuse of City Resources
 - Nepotism
 - Conflicts of Interest
- Keys to Ethical Leadership
 - You should be giving more than you are getting
 - Spoke about giving voice to the voiceless and knowing your purpose/ discovering your purpose
- Ethics: 630-1015 (Helpline)
- Questions: ethics@coj.net

(10:52)Katrina Taylor Director of School Behavioral Health
eunice@duvalschools.org)

- Spoke about Mental Health Awareness Month (past 6 years)
- Complications of mental health due to COVID
- Mental Health Conference 20-21 will be virtual
- Start thinking about mental health conference and how it can be virtual
- Themes for mental health awareness month
- Discussed prizes & activities of last years mental health conference
- 1st Thursday of May National Children's Mental Health Awareness Week/day (first week in May)
- Virtual Mental Health Conference

- How can we make it really resonate?
- Where can we present it to get maximum involvement?
- Different presentation every week of May
- Johnesha Adison will be helping to plan the Mental Health Awareness Month
- Questions
- Mental Health Curriculum (discussion)

(11:24)Leah Lynch (Goodwill)

- Explains the purpose of Goodwill
- Explains Goodwill's work to help people that are unemployed
- Goodwill wants people to have access to college with little to no debt
- "Access without support is not opportunity"

(11:33)Rodney Wells closes out Orientation segment

BREAK

(11:45)Nidhi Patel calls meeting to order

- Review agenda
- Accepted by general consent
- Officers were introduced
- Roll Call

Cameron Demery reviews previous meeting minutes and they are accepted by general consent

Nidhi Patel goes through 20-21 meeting logistics

- Talked about the possibility of MYLAC moving in-person

Voting on meeting times occurs

- 13 Votes for a 9-12 meeting time (Majority)
- Meeting will be Saturdays from 9-12

Vacant Positions (Parliamentarian)

- 4 people interested in the Parliamentarian position
- Votes will be captured via survey: Mariah, Katie, Maurice, Kachi, Logan
- Brief explanation of the job of the Parliamentarian (understanding Bylaws and Roberts Rules of Order)
- Each candidate explained why they would be good for the position

Focus Committees

- Nidhi Patel and Aszloyn Wakefield explain the purpose of focus committees
- Agreed to come to next meeting with ideas for the focus issue

*** Next meeting November 7,2020***

- Discussed the possibility of having committee meetings outside of whole group meetings

Address the fact that meetings do qualify as volunteer hours

The floor is open for questions

Briefly discussed senior scholarships (attendance, participation, etc.)

(12:51)Nidhi Patel closes with announcements

- Asks for volunteer to join Wellness Wednesday improvement group
- If interested send name and number to Aszloyn Wakefield

Nidhi reiterates the importance of attendance along with participation/ becoming like a family

(12:56)Meeting Adjourned