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Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Meeting

Tuesday, June 21, 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](#): Jorge Lopez, Jose Morales and Luis Montiel
 - [Board members virtually](#): Jen Silva, Zergihno Roell Garcia, and Nelson Silverio
 - [COJ/DSD staff in person](#): Kara Tucker and Jennifer Wolf
 - [COJ/DSD staff virtually](#):
 - [Guests](#): Jared Rice (PGA), Emily Bellock (PGA), Officer Gonzalez (IAU), Officer Vargas (IAU), Naisa (St. Vincent's Hospital), and Rebecca Dominguez-Karimi (PhD)
- **Public Comment**
 - JSO International Affairs Unit gave a brief update on what they do and how they are here to help the International community feel safe around officers; Jen Silva asked if they could provide some verbiage to review at a future meeting so that MHAAB members could assist in getting the message out
- **Approval of Minutes from 01/22, 02/22, 03/22, 04/22, and 05/22**
 - (NO QUORUM)
- **Speakers**
 - Jared Rice – PGA
 - i. Presentation on their commitment to the community
 - ii. Currently working on building a Hispanic outreach team
 - Rebecca Dominguez-Karimi, PhD – Oral Historian, Writer, Speaker
 - i. She collects stories from Hispanics living in Northeast Florida to let them tell their stories



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- **Old Business**

- [JSO/International Affairs Unit support letter](#) – Jose volunteered to write and Nelson volunteered to assist

- **New Business**

- Increase visibility and connection to the community
 - i. Via social media (Facebook, Instagram, NextDoor, Twitter, etc.)
- Generate a topic per month to focus on, seek speakers for, and highlight events (Proclamations? Please allow 30 days)
 - i. June
 - 1. Immigrant Heritage Month
 - 2. Men’s Health Month
 - 3. Safety Month
 - 4. Summer camps
 - ii. July
 - 1. Cord Blood Awareness Month
 - 2. Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month
 - 3. Family entertainment
 - iii. August
 - 1. Children’s Eye Health and Safety Month

- **Subcommittee Reports**

- Public Safety – Miguel Dipierri: **(NONE)**
- Veterans – Demika Jackson: **(NONE)**
- Education – Jen Silva: [policies being worked on regarding school shootings/safety; increasing grants to increase educators; loan forgiveness programs for teachers’ and principals’ educations](#)
- Healthcare – Aida Seeraj: **(NONE)**
- Faith-based – (Arlene?): **(NONE)**
- Media/Public Relations – Jorge Lopez and Nelson Silverio: [Continue to share things to Jorge to post to social media](#)
- Business – Luis Montiel and Zergihno Roell Garcia: [Non-profit Prospera, Coral Castro, resource for Hispanics; hosted Tequila delegates; Taco Fest in September in partnership with 904 Happy Hour](#)



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- Community Initiative – Jose Morales: [EPC offered Spanish literature](#)
- **Public Comment** – All Attendees
 - (NONE)
- **Adjourn Meeting**

Chair: Jorge Lopez

Vice-Chair: Jose Morales

Disabled Services Division

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