**Latino Community Development**

**Commission Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, March 24, 2016

6:30pm-8:00 pm

Minutes prepared by Dr. L. Angelo Gómez

1. The meeting was called to order 6:40pm
2. 1.Commissioners and members of MOLA in attendance were Anne M. Garcia, LICSW Chair, Johnny S. Garcia, Yasmin Serrato-Muñoz, Jonas Minino, Catalina Talero, Dr. Angelo Gomez, Angelique Sina, Ricardo Villalba, Julio Guity-Guevara and Jackie Reyes
3. Director of MOLA welcomed and:
4. Thanked all
5. Reminded everyone to arrive on time
6. Checked name tags for comments or changes
7. Participants highlighted the presentation and viewing of the annual Video summary of MOLA. They also Introduced Commissioners to the Major’s priority items and formation of advisory boards for each item.
	1. Public Safety in immigration (Yasmin Serrato-Muñoz, Ricardo Villalba)
	2. Government Operations (Yasmin Serrato-Muñoz)
	3. Jobs and Economic opportunities (Angelique Sina)
	4. Housing (Jessie Hernandez, Margarita Dioné)
	5. Education (Ricardo Villalba)
	6. Health and Human Services (Dr. Gomez, Margarita Diloné and Jonas Minino)

(Commissioners were asked to pick 2 areas of work and to propose goals for possible legislation

1. There was also a description of the meeting’s agenda and information in the folder (By Jackie)
2. Chair of the group greeted everyone and
3. Gave a short history of MOLA and highlights its 40 big anniversary this year
4. Reported on 70,000 residents of DC self-identify as Latinas/os
5. Pointed out mural in the office
6. Highlighted her desire for the inclusion of all Latinas/os from all backgrounds to engage with MOLA
7. MOLA staff members introduced themselves and their roles in the office
8. The by-laws were introduced and commissioners were invited to read and review them on their own by next meeting.
9. Director Reyes explained the roles of a commissioner and how to communicate the needs of the community. She also asked the participants to identify other boards where they serve in addition to this group. She asked for the support of the Mayor’s initiative to raise minimal wage to $15 per hour. This motion is passed unanimously and all commissioners agreed to sign immediately and pictures are taken later on to document the event. These are posted on Twitter after the meeting.
10. Next meeting was scheduled for each third Thursday of the every month
11. Commissioners are invited to write the committees they want to join and they are asked to write their names in the lists posted on the wall. Some commissioners also propose new initiatives under each committee based on Mayor’s priorities.
12. A tour of the office is given and pictures are taken. The main highlight is the mural history and meaning found in the MOLA.
13. A social hour concludes the meeting with refreshments provides by Jackie and other commissioners.

 **Pending items**:

1. Business cards
2. Government email for commissioners
3. Names of commissioners for each committee
4. Setting up goals and sub-committee formation and meeting dates
5. A new email with a link to the bylaws to all commissioners
6. Follow up with those who were not able to attend

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

Minutes taken by: Dr. Angelo Goméz