Commission on Latino Community Development

Washington D.C, Thursday May 18, 2017

6:30pm-8:00 pm

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m.
2. Participants included: Commissioners Johnny Garcia, Margarita Dilone, Jonas Minino, Ricardo Villalba, Ana Reyes (served as note taker), Dr. Angelo Gomez, and Catalina Talero. MOLA was represented by Jackie Reyes, Julio Güity-Guevara, and Dian Lammy
3. Director Jackie Reyes announced that three new commissioners will be appointed and provided updates on the Summer Youth Program Employment Program
4. Commissioner’s highlighted Mayor Bowser’s priority issues and shared upcoming MOLA Summer Community Engagement events in which the participation of commissioners is requested.
5. The April Meeting Minutes from were approved by Commissioners Ricardo Villalba and seconded by Commissioner Ana Reyes
6. Director Reyes highlighted that MOLA is hosting small business workshops on Saturdays from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. with Ana Harvey
7. Commissioner Ana Reyes raised a concern related to small businesses particularly the fact that they are having difficulty complying with changes in policies. As a result it is recommended commissioners:
	1. Facilitate effective communication between DC agencies and Latino small businesses; offer effective ways to enhance business operations and an education component; hold government agencies accountable
	2. Commissioners recommended action is to establish more education workshops about managing a business and share our concerns with representatives from DCRA and other DC agencies
	3. Commissioner Jonas Minino raised the question of Latino representation in DC agencies and how this could affect Latino business.
	4. Commissioner Catalina Talero suggests tapping into each commissioner’s role and create a bridge with the mayor.
	5. Commissioner Margarita Dilone raised a concern regarding a rollover of HPAP
8. MOLA’s FY2017 Strategic Plan was approved by the Mayor and the executive team
	1. Commissioner Johnny Garcia calls for one vision for the commission that aligns with MOLA’s strategic plan
9. MOLA shared summer calendar of events with commissioners
10. Commissioners started to plan for Hispanic Heritage Month and a planning committee was formed that includes: Commissioners Ana Reyes, Ricardo Villalba and Margarita Dilone
	1. They will work in collaboration with MOLA Outreach Specialist Ingrid Gutierrez to plan a series of events
11. Closing remarks from MOLA Deputy Director Julio Güity-Guevara reminded commissioners of MOLA’s open door policy.
12. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm