Commission on Latino Community Development

Washington D.C, Thursday June15, 2017

6:30pm-8:00 pm

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.
2. Participants included: Commissioners Johnny Garcia, Margarita Dilone, Ricardo Villalba, Ana Reyes, Dr. Angelo Gomez (note taker), Jessie Hernandez, Yasmin-Serrato-Munoz, Jessica Camacho, Angelique Sina, Aida Sanchez, Yuri Amaya, and Catalina Talero. Guests: Jill Byrd, non-voting DCRA designee to the Commission, Phuong Nguyen, Public Relations Officer (OAPIA), Simone Smille, Business Liaison, District of Columbia Office of Human Rights, they gave and overview of the services that their offices provide. MOLA was represented by Deputy Director Julio Güity-Guevara, Dian Lammy (Intern), and Luisa Aleman (Intern).
3. Director Jackie Reyes was excused due to the passing of former Ward 1 Councilman Jim Graham (Director Jackie Reyes worked for Councilman Graham for six years). Deputy Director Julio Guity-Guevara shared the Mayor’s statement about the passing of former Council Member Jim Graham. He also introduced the four new commissioners and provided MOLA’s report.
4. The May Meeting Minutes were approved by all commissioners, first by Commissioner Dilone and seconded by Commissioner Sina.
5. Jill Byrd shared an overview of the services provided by DCRA and committed to follow up by providing a contact person in an effort to improve relations for limited and non-proficient English speakers.
6. Chair, Johnny Garcia, shared MOLA’s Summer Engagement events calendar:
   1. Ingrid Gutierrez is the contact person for MOLA, outreach and follow-up activities and planning meetings
   2. Deputy Director Guity-Guevara asked the commissioners to participate in MOLA’s summer events
   3. Commissioner Sina suggested considering Mayor Bowser’s press room, G-9, at the Wilson Building to be used for the kickoff of Hispanic Heritage Month
7. Commissioner Sina suggested that the bylaws be updated.
8. Chair, Johnny Garcia, addressed Commissioner Sina’s suggestion by offering to reach out to Director Jackie Reyes.
9. Chair, Johnny Garcia, asked again (per previous meetings) for input from the commissioners for MOLA’s FY2018 Strategic Plan.
10. Commissioners suggested to MOLA to update MOLA’s website.
11. Commissioner Sanchez offered to assist with the area of marketing.
12. Commissioner Camacho asked for clarity on the District’s status on sanctuary cities stance.
13. Closing remarks from MOLA’s Deputy Director Julio Güity-Guevara included the following: Director Reyes and MOLA’s office open door policy. Mayor Bowser’s statement regarding the District as a sanctuary city. The Immigrant Justice Legal Service Grant - $500,000 provided by Mayor Bowser. MPD/MOLA’s Community Engagement Workshops. Commissioners were invited to the previous meeting and are encouraged to attend the future workshops.
14. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm