Commission on Latino Community Development

Washington, DC, Thursday, July 20, 2017

Minutes

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m.
2. Participants included: Commissioners Johnny Garcia (Chair), Alida Sanchez, Omayra Martinez, Angelique Sina, Margarita Dilone, Ricardo Villalba, and Jessica Camacho. (No commissioners attended via-conference line). Director Jackie Reyes, Deputy-Director Julio Guity Guevara, and other MOLA staff included: Antonio Suarez, Public Information Officer and Dian Lammy, Staff Assistant and Luisa Aleman, Intern and Charlotte Flournoy from the Mayor’s Office on Community Affairs (MOCA).
3. The June 2017 Meeting Minutes were approved by all commissioners, first by Angelique Sina and seconded by Margarita Dilone. A reminder was provided that the meeting minutes are on the MOLA website. 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.
4. Special guests and presenters included Director Monica Palacio, Office of Human Rights and Marcus Williams, Principal Consultant and Founder of MW Consulting, LLC who made a presentation on Enhancing Your Business Communication Skills.
5. Director Monica Palacio provided information on the implementation of the Language Access Law. Commissioner Alida Sanchez agreed to forward the PowerPoint to all commissioners.
6. Commissioner Johnny Garcia requested that each commissioner review each of the Mayor Bowsers priorities, which include Education, Public Safety, Jobs and Economic Opportunity, Housing, Government Operations, and Health and Human Services, so that they can better tailor the type of contribution that they would like to make.
7. Commissioners were also encouraged to join the next MPD/MOLA’s Community Engagement Workshops. Chair Johnny Garcia and Commissioner Jessica Camacho reviewed the conference call with MPD. Provided a high level review of the MPD Community Engagement Academy. Chair Johnny Garcia requested all commissioners attend the MPD community engagement academy.
8. Director Jackie Reyes requested that the Commissioners update their bios and review the Hispanic Heritage Month proposed events.
9. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.