**Commission on Latino Community Development**

Washington, DC Thursday, August 17, 2017

MOLA Commission Minutes

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

**Commission members present:**

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| Johnny S. Garcia |  | Jessie Hernandez |  |
| Omayra Martinez |  | Angelique Sina |  |
| Yasmin Serrato-Muñoz |  | Gustavo Viteri |  |
| Ricardo Villalba |  | Alida Sanchez |  |
| Jonas Minino |  | Jessica Camacho |  |

**MOLA Staff present:**

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| Ronal Avila |  | Julio Guity |  |
| Roger Sanchez |  | Jackie Reyes |  |

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| **6:30pm** | Welcome Remarks | |
| **6:45pm** | Introductions   * Introducing new MOLA staff, Ronal Avila and Roger Sanchez. | |
| **6:50pm** | Approval of previous meeting minutes   * Draft minutes have been posted online and will remain as a draft until the next meeting in September. Feedback on the minutes from the last meeting to be sent to Johnny Garcia’s email address. | |
| **7:00pm** | MOLA Director Report   * 4 Hispanic Heritage Month, the mayor will attend the Noche de Gala, cultural event. * Mayor Bowser Every Day Counts Campaign and each commission to sign 20 pledges each that will allow of the community to be covered. * Monday is a back to school day. MOLA will have the pledges and commission members can help advocate for cars to slow down. * MPD Community Engagement Academy, MPD training is being offered primarily to the commission for three days which will be held on late September by Omayra. * Community Grants Pre-bidders Conference which will be held on Tuesday, August 22 at 10 AM. * Great Streets Grants for Business training took ace today and identify the existing Latino business owners to have their funding and upgrade their current establishment in the great streets corridor. * MOLA’s upcoming hearings * Commission meetings will be shared on social media. * Shared the calendar events for the week. * On September 7th MOLA will print out the calendar of events for the season. * Cisneros Foundation to MOLA for an orientation about the the pre-college program and GW scholarships. * How MOLA can support Hyacinths place organization that supports women. * Update on the Peabody building. | |
| **7:15pm** | Committee’s Report and Upcoming events  - Hispanic Heritage Month - Commissioners inputs in supporting local artists in this event.  - Team Building Retreat - Commissioner Camacho gave an overview about the retreat on October 21 for a full day retreat to be hosted at the AARP Hatchery. Doodle poll to be sent to choose on a date and the retreat will take place before the end of the year. | |
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| **7:27pm** | Adjournment | |