**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.
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| **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.
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| **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.
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| **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  |