Commission on Latino Community Development

Draft Minutes

 Washington D.C, Thursday, October 19, 2017

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| 6:38 p.m. | The Chair of the Commission Johnny Garcia opened the meeting and provided welcome remarks to Commissioners that attended the meeting and guest participants. |
|  | Participants included Johnny S. Garcia, Omayra Martinez, Ricardo Villalba, Angelique Sina, Ana Reyes, Dr. Angelo Gómez, Gustavo Viteri, Alida Sanchez. On behalf of the Mayor’s Office on Latino Affairs (MOLA) participants included Director Jackie Reyes and Deputy Director Julio Guity Guevara. Guests included Mr. Alberto Zegada from Pepco, and Luis Rodriguez as a visitor from El Salvador.  |
|  | The Chair of the Commission Johnny Garcia decided to postpone the approval of the previous month’s meeting minutes to allow Commissioners that did not attend to make comments. |
|  | Director Reyes’ report highlighted the successful execution of the Hispanic Heritage Month events and Noche Cultural & Awards 2017—attended by more than 150 residents. Director Reyes requested Commissioners to support Mayor Muriel Bowser’s EveryDayCounts campaign. She commented on the fact that MOLA is finalizing the review process of the Latino Community Development Grant. She also mentioned that MOLA is looking for a new Graphic Designer to support the activities of the office. Director Reyes also mentioned that MOLA launched the Language Access Brown Bag lunches to raise awareness about the implementation of the Language Access Law.  |
|  | The Chair of the Commission Johnny Garcia explained the progress of updating the Commission of the Latino Community Development bylaws. Commissioners will receive the updated version before the submission to MOTA and OGC. He also the discussed status of the Commission’s retreat, which is expected to take place in January 2017. The date was confirmed when Commissioner Omayra Martinez said the motion during today’s meeting. Commissioners Jessica Camacho and Alida Sanchez will submit a new plan to the Executive Director Jackie Reyes and Deputy Director Julio Guity-Guevara. Chair Garcia also requested that Commissioners provide inputs with regard to the next meetings of the Commission. He proposed November 16, and December 7, or December 14, 2017.  |
| 7:51 p.m. | Adjournment  |