

Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: October 8, 2013 at 9:00 am

Present: Jesús Monteno, Carmen Mantay, Javier Garcia, Patricia Solo-Josephson, Victor Pacheco, Rafael Caldera, Ida Gropper, Mario Decunto, Alicia Burst

Staff Present: Ana Andreu

Welcome: Patty called the meeting to order.

Minutes Approval – The minutes from the September meeting were approved with changes.

Fiscal Update:

In the new fiscal year, all the money from the General Fund was eliminated. All the money the board has is in the Trust Fund.

HLA Update

The Awards subcommittee had a conference call on 10/4/13, on which they discussed how to make things more efficient for next year.

Es Mi Vida – Expo

The Board approved the participation on the Hispanic Expo. Rafael made a motion to make official the Board's participation at the Expo; Alicia seconded the motion; it was approved unanimously.

It was suggested that a schedule be presented at the beginning of the year of all the events that the Board will be required to attend, i.e. World of Nations, Achieving the Dream, Hispanic Expo, Hispanic Leadership Awards. It was suggested that this needs to be done during a Planning Retreat.

Succession Planning

Now that Paul is no longer with the Board, it has brought to light the need for a Succession Plan. Patty suggested voting on a Secretary position which the Board has not had for the past five years. Rafael made a motion to enforce the by-laws as is, to include the Secretary; to have the vice chair move to the chair position until June (time at which the elections should be according to the by-laws). Victor seconded the motion, and the board voted in favor of it.

The chair asked for volunteers for a nomination subcommittee. The members of this subcommittee could be members or non-members. Rafael and Alicia volunteered to form the subcommittee.

Committee Reports

• Health, Education, Public Safety

- Mentor banquet will be held on October 23 at 6pm at the FOP. There is a \$50.00 donation. This event is to honor the community members and mentors.
- Violent crime against Latinos is down by 30%. It has been on a decline every year.
- Victim Services Center staff member will be in the next meeting to present their program for non-English speaking residents.
- Victor explained that there is a special visa for victims of crimes to stay in the country during the proceedings. He will send the information via e-mail.

• Faith Based, Cultural, Special Events

- The committee members attended the following events:
 - Sept. 12 – Stop the Violence Luncheon – Bishop Lawrence Hall
 - Sept. 13 – Heritage Month Kickoff – Meet Mayor of Puerto Rico
 - Sept. 19 Beaver Street DBE Alliance Award Meeting – Celebrating Med Week.
 - Sept. 25 – LULAC Meeting – JSO Director of Corrections – Speaker: Jimmy Holderfield
 - Sept. 27 – Retirement Luncheon - JSO Director of Corrections – Jimmy Holderfield

- Sept. 30 – MHAAB Hispanic Heritage Awards Ceremony.
 - Was one of 17,000 who attended CAP (Christian Apostolic and Prophetic Conference) in Miami, FL
 - Visited El Ministerio Avance Misionero, a Christian Church with over 1,000 members here in Jacksonville.
 - Visited Church 1122 a similar Mega-Church on the South Side.
- **Government Relations, Public Relations, Business**
 - The ADT check is at the front desk. There are enough seats for all the members to attend; Alicia has extra seats at her company's table.

Correspondence to and From the Mayor's Office

- The picture from the HLA is up on the website.
- The Hispanic Expo will be held on Saturday, October 12th starting set up at 8:30 am.
- We need volunteers to assist though the Expo.

Next Meeting

Next Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting will be on 11/12/13 at 9:00 a.m.

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