



Mayor's Asian American Advisory Board

Behavioral and Human Services Division
1809 Art Museum Drive, Suite 100, Large Conference Room
Monday, January 13, 2014 at 6:00 PM

Minutes

Board Members Present: Sophal Archard, Radwan Chowdhury, Jay Gogaliya, Mai Dinh Keisling, Do In Kim, Johnnetta Moore, Lorelie Papel, Sang Phouansouvanh, Sunyoung Providakes and Rajat Sharma

Board Members Excused: Ed Callao and Bala Govi

Board Members Unexcused: None

Prospective Members/Guests/Volunteers Present: Narin Chen, Betzy Santiago, and R. Zakikhani

In the absence of the Chair, Vice Chair Lorelie Papel called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

I. Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions were made around the room and the Pledge of Allegiance was stated.

II. Public Comments

No public comment.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jay Gogaliya to approve the October 7, 2013 minutes. Rajat Sharma seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

A motion was made by Jay Gogaliya to approve the November 4, 2013 minutes. Sophal Archard seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

A motion was made by Mai Keisling to approve the December 9, 2013 minutes and not the Retreat attachments. Rajat Sharma seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

IV. Committee Updates

- Executive Committee – Ed Callao

Committee has not been assigned.

- Finance – Laura Davis for Bala Govi

No financial changes from previous month.

➤ Leadership Forum – Lorelie Papel for Ed Callao

Leadership Forum Committee met on Saturday, January 11, 2014 and the minutes forthcoming. The Committee discussed their interest to collaborate with the Hispanic Board and post pone the current scheduled event. Discussion was made by the Board. Jay Gogaliya made a motion to cancel the Leadership Forum for February 22, 2014 and partner with the Hispanic Board at future date. Sophal Archard seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

➤ May Event – Sophal Archard

Sophal Archard discussed different venues to the Board. Radwan Chowdhury will email information about a venue to Sophal tomorrow. A final decision will be made by the planning committee by next month's meeting.

Mai Keisling suggested a memory slide show. Radwan Chowdhury and Rajat Sharma are responsible for this task with assistance from Lorelie Papel and Sunyoung Providakes.

➤ Membership/Nominations – Jay Gogaliya

Jay Gogaliya announced that Sang Phouansouvanh has officially become a member and that Wen Raiti is still working through the process.

➤ Scholarship Committee – Lorelie Papel

No update.

V. Unfinished Business

➤ Retreat 2014 Goals/Objectives and Committee Set-Up

Committee updates were given to Board members for review. An Awards Committee will be added with Do In Kim as Chair and Jay Gogaliya as Co-Chair.

Scholarship Committee will consist of:

Lorelie Papel – Chair
Sang Phouansouvanh – Co-Chair
Do In Kim
Mai Keisling
Ed Callao – tie breaker vote

Board Members will email Laura Davis with any further updates.

VI. New Business

Betzy Santiago met with Johnnetta Moore, Sophal Archard, and Lorelie Papel to discuss the long-term goals of MAAAB. Mayor Brown would like to see more multicultural exchanges for a united front in Jacksonville. Ideas discussed included: round table discussion, community forum, nominations for different awards, young professional scholarships, guide for resources - service provider, reaching out to the Asian Community etc.

Board members discussed the absence of the Mayor from events and the Asian Community. Betzy Santiago stated that she would try to get the May event on his calendar and inquired about date and location. Discussion was also made in regards to the MAAAB website.

Betzy Santiago requested the Board to forward a prioritized list of top events, forums etc. that the Mayor could be involved in. Ms. Santiago can be reached at (904) 630-4710 or betzys@coj.net.

VII. Announcements

Jay Gogaliya announced that Helen Nguyen has finished school and was a scholarship recipient from the Board.

Jay Gogaliya received an email from the White House requesting an updated Asian Community listing. Please forward updates by email to Jay Gogaliya.

Please email Jay Gogaliya for data from the U. S. Census.

Rajat Sharma announced Public Day of India at the University of North Florida on January 25, 2014.

Johnnetta Moore announced Mai Keisling has been attending Leadership Jax classes.

Mai Keisling reminded everyone that the One by One Delegate is on Saturday, January 18, 2014. It is the first time the Asian Community is participating.

Lorelie Papel stated there is a fundraiser held at the Astoria Hotel and a flyer will be emailed to Board members.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on February 10, 2014.