



Mayor's Asian American Advisory Board

Social Services Division
1809 Art Museum Drive, Suite 100, Large Conference Room
Monday, March 10, 2014 at 6:00 PM

Minutes

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

Board Members Excused: Bala Govi

Board Members Unexcused: None

Prospective Members/Guests/Volunteers Present: Daniel Albert, Melinda Fischer, Eric Nguyen, Wen Raiti, and Betzy Santiago.

The Chair, Ed Callao, called the meeting to order at 6:12 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 Radwan Chowdhury to approve the February 10, 2014 minutes. Rajat Sharma seconded and the motion was passed with corrections (see attached).

IV. Committee Updates

➤ Awards Committee –

An Awards meeting was held on February 8, 2014 at the Southeast Library. Sophal Archard, Radwan Chowdhury, Do In Kim and Rajat Sharma were in attendance. The group discussed the Community not responding (none have been received) and suggested an email be sent to all MAAAB contacts with award, nomination and sponsorship forms.

➤ Executive Committee – Ed Callao

Committee has nothing to report.

➤ Finance – Laura Davis for Bala Govi

The Financial Report was discussed and there were no changes from last month. Jay Gogaliya stated the \$1,000 in the scholarship fund is reserved for scholarships outside of the MAAAB and will be based on need. Sunyoung Providakes asked if the Korean Association could provide an additional scholarship outside of MAAAB and the Board replied yes. Ed Callao asked Board Members not turn any money away for scholarships. The Board can improve things as we move forward.

➤ May Event – Sophal Archard

Please see attached May Event Check List.

Radwan Chowdhury made a motion that if funding allowed, a gift will be provided for the May Event up to \$500, Jay Gogaliya seconded and the motion passed.

➤ Membership/Nominations – Jay Gogaliya

Jay Gogaliya and Ed Callao will move forward on Wen Raiti's application for membership.

➤ Nominating Committee – Lorelie Papel

Lorelie Papel stated the By-Laws state Officer positions will be presented at the May meeting with additional nominees from floor. Elections are held at the June meeting. Officer Terms begin on July 1, 2014. Please check with your nominee if they would like to serve before forwarding to Lorelie Papel. Please email nomination to Lorelie Papel.

Ed Callao appointed Sang Phouansouvanh as Vice Chair, Rajat Sharma and himself as members of the Committee.

➤ Scholarship Committee – Lorelie Papel

Lorelie Papel has stepped down as Chair of the Scholarship Committee and Mai Keisling has accepted the position. Kim In Do was selected as Vice Chair with Lorelie Papel as a members of the Committee. Mai Keisling emailed scholarship application to many high schools and the Executive Director of ESOL who also emailed to high school counselors in Duval County. Jay Gogaliya suggested the application be sent to the general counseling office email for Duval County Schools and they will email to all schools.

Mai Keisling explained the scoring process for scholarship applications.

V. Unfinished Business

Mai Keisling emailed a flyer in regards to the upcoming Community forum on education: an update on the Delegate Convention for Public Education on March 25, 2014. The delegates were called back to find out what to do next.

Ms. Keisling also stated that she had emailed the Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board (MHAAB) in regards to holding the Leaders Forum and it fell through the cracks. Lorelie Papel replied that she contacted MHAAB and asked them to form a subcommittee to meet our subcommittee. Ms. Papel has forwarded information about previous Leader Forum events as MHAAAB requested.

VI. New Business

Betzy Santiago stated Representative Mia Jones is having an Affordable Care Act Outreach on Saturday, March 22, 2014 at the Prime Osborn Convention Center. Ms. Santiago is asking for assistance to outreach to the communities and volunteering to be a translators at the event. If interested, please contact Ed Callao.

The City of Jacksonville is having a sign and tire buy back on Saturday, April 5, 2014 at the stadium (see attached flyer).

Betzy Santiago stated that the Mayor's Office is initiating activities in the month of May for the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (AAPIHM). The following are tentative activities:

- Mayor's proclamation of inaugural recognition of AAPI Heritage Month in Jacksonville News Conference & Media Release (late April in City Hall).
- Mayor's Asian American Advisory Board 10 Year Anniversary (May 17 at the P.O.C.)
- JSCA 10 year Asian Anniversaries for 2014 (*Mention only – no event scheduled*)
May 22 – JSCA: Yingkou, China Anniversary (1990) (Sister City)
May 30 – JSCA: Changwon City, Korea Anniversary (1983) (Sister City)
- Updates made to the coj.net/maaab website and social media plan
- Student Art contest (working with several partners) – Information has been posted on the MAAAB website
- Asian Leaders Roundtables or Tour of Asian Businesses (Date TBD – Requesting May 15, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.)
- Celebrate Asia (May 31 at the Hyatt)

VII. Announcements

Sang Phouansouvanh is working with Dr. Jevetta Stanford to attend as many community events to provide Hepatitis B information and testing. Ms. Phouansouvanh asked the Board to email her any community events that they could provide testing.

Sang Phouansouvanh stated there are two scholarships available for students - Step Up and McKay. Students who are newly arrived or who have problems with the school they are attending can apply for these scholarships to attend the school that best suits their needs. The Step Up scholarship will provide transportation to and from school. The Foundation Academy is a school that provides project based programming and students will not have to complete the FCATS. This will assist with students who do not speak English very well (flyer attached).

Eric Nguyen announced there is an appreciation dinner at Mikado's for all volunteers who helped with the Tet celebration this weekend.

Daniel Albert spoke with Councilman Warren Jones about MAAAB and Asian American issues. Councilman Jones was not aware of MAAAB. Jay Gogaliya stated that the Board has reached out to City Council but they have not responded.

Betzy Santiago encouraged Board members to speak at City Council meetings. The Public is allowed to speak to City Council for up to three minutes. Ms. Santiago encouraged everyone to attend or watch online.

Radwan Chowdhury invited everyone to the UDiON Foundation every 5th of the month at 6:00pm. Mr. Chowdhury will forward the information.

Johnnetta Moore announced that there are four vacancies and the Mayor's office will be initiating reappointment letters.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on April 14, 2014.