



Mayor's Asian American Advisory Board

**Behavioral and Human Services Division
1809 Art Museum Drive, Suite 100, Large Conference Room
Monday, July 8, 2013 at 6:00 PM**

Minutes

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

Board Members Excused: Bala Govi and Dr. Jasper Xu

Board Members Unexcused: None

Prospective Members/Guests/Volunteers Present: Savin Blimes, Palash Chowdhury, Bang Quan Huang, Sang Phouansouvanh, Wen Raiti, and David Tran

Rajat Sharma called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of June 10, 2013 Minutes

The June 10, 2013 minutes were reviewed. George Banks made a motion to approve the minutes with changes. Ed Callao seconded motion and the motion passed with no further discussion.

III. Nominating Committee / Election of Officers

Rajat Sharma thanked everyone for their support as Chair of the MAAAB.

Lorelie Papel stated that July 5, 2013, the Nominating Committee, consisting of Lorelie Papel, Sunyoung Providakes, Radwan Chowdhury, and Pastor Do In Kim, met to discuss nominations for MAAAB Officers. The outcome of the meeting is attached. Mai Keisling suggested the Officers needed to be more diversified and nominated Sophal Archard as Chair and Radwan Chowdhury as Vice Chair. Both parties declined the nomination. Rajat Sharma stated that since Dr. Jasper Xu did not return email or phone calls that he be taken off the ballot. Jay Gogaliya made a motion to approve Ed Callao for Chair, Lorelie Papel for Vice Chair, Sophal Archard as Secretary and Bala Govi for Treasurer. George Banks seconded and the motion passed with one opposed.

Ed Callao thanked everyone for their confidence in leading the Board for the next year.

IV. TRIO Tinseltown Update

Johnnetta Moore reported that TRIO Tinseltown has not responded to the letter. Per the Office of General Counsel (OGC), the next step would be litigation but given the amount, it would cost more to fight than the amount requested. A letter to the Better Business Bureau, the Department of Health and other agencies may be sent from the Board. Mai Keisling suggested TRIO Tinseltown be taken off the City of Jacksonville vendor listing. Lorelie Papel suggested OGC file the papers because sometimes filing gets the person to respond. The Board will be sending a letter to the Better Business Bureau and the Health Department. Lorelie Papel has been selected as the designated lead on the letters and Johnnetta Moore is tasked with the process of removing TRIO Tinseltown from the vendor list.

V. Other News, Announcements, Comments

Jay Gogaliya stated that the Board agreed to help the Scholarship Summit June of next year. The Board will need to start fundraising for scholarships now, so that we can apply for match dollars. There are no requirements as the money stays here in Jacksonville.

Mr. Gogaliya asked Board to review their absences on the attached sheet. Mai Keisling refuted that some of her absences were excused. Discussion was made on the process for excused and unexcused absences. Ed Callao stated that as Chair, he will be more vigilant in the recording of absences. Board members will email the Chair that will absent or running late and the Chair will forward to Laura Davis to disseminate information to Board members. Updated absence chart will be provided at next meeting.

George Banks resigned from the Mayor's Asian American Advisory Board.

Rajat Sharma presented a resume to Jay Gogaliya, Chair, Membership Committee, for consideration to the Board.

Mai Keisling requested copies of the 2012 – 2013 MAAAB minutes and Laura Davis will forward via email.

Board briefly discussed the Fall Forum in October. A committee was formed with Ed Callao as Chair. Lorelie Papel, Sophal Archer and Wen Raiti are the other committee members.

Jay Gogaliya, Sophal Archer, and Mai Keisling will be attending the Night of Asia. The event is spearheaded by Asian Employee Resource Group (ERG) from Vistakon but put together by an effort of many Asian ERGs and local Asian organizations. Their first event was in March of last year and it was to raise funds for the victims of Sendong Typhoon in the Philippines. The event was put together in four (4) weeks and raised \$45,000. The event this year will be held in the fourth quarter. Leaders of Asian organizations will assist with planning and like last year MAAAB will be there to offer a hand in any area needed.

VI. Meeting Adjourned

Jay Gogaliya made a motion to adjourn, Radwan Chowdhury seconded, and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m. Next meeting will be held on August 12, 2013.