# Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 11th, 2014 at 9:00 am

**Board Members Present:** Patricia Solo-Josephson, Rafael Caldera, Alicia Burst, Jesús Montero, Yvonne Shaffer, Mario Decunto, Carmen Mantay, Judith Rodriguez.

Board Members Not Present: Victor Pacheco, Ida Gropper, Javier Garcia

Staff Present: Ana Andreu

Guests: Alba Orozco, Multi-Cultural Ministry, Diocese of St. Augustine

**Welcome:** A quorum was confirmed and Chairman Solo-Josephson called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 am.

**Minutes Approval –** The minutes from the December meeting were approved unanimously with Corrections.

## **Committee Reports**

# • Health, & Public Safety

o The students from Ponte Vedra High are reviewing and updating the Guia.

#### Education

- o Rafael and Yvonne attended a meeting with JCC. Yvonne also attended the One on One showcase.
- o The board members would like to get information on the upcoming Education Summit so they may attend. It is of great importance to discuss how the Hispanic kids are getting lost in Middle school. They do not ask for help.
- o Yvonne would like to meet with the Education Commissioner.
- o Another way to assist the children is through the Mayor's Mentors Program.
- o Rafael is working with FCHCC, Ace and InRoads on scholarships. Dreamers could be a non for profit that could benefits from InRoads.

## Economic and Faith Based

Jesus attended a meeting with JTA regarding compressed natural gas.

#### **Unfinished Business**

The board voted to include the scholarship list presented by Betzy during the planning retreat. Carmen motioned to upload the list as is; Yvonne motioned to wait until we can modify it and include all the logos. After the discussion, Yvonne withdrew her motion, and all the board voted in favor of uploading the scholarship information.

#### **New Business**

## **Community Partnership meeting.**

- Jesus motioned to participate in a community partnership meeting on a date and time to be determined later. Rafael motioned to refer to create a subcommittee on a community partnership meeting. After the vote, the motion was passed.
- An e-mail will be sent asking for volunteers to participate in the subcommittee.

### Correspondence to and From the Mayor's Office

• The Board is participating in the World of Nations Celebration on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Next Meeting**

Next Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting will be on 03/11/14 at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Ana Andreu.