



City of Jacksonville
Mayor's Asian American Advisory Board (MAAAB)



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Board Meeting

Monday, October 13, 2014 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Radwan Chowdhury, Jay Gogaliya, Bala Govi, Do In Kim, Sang Phouansouvanh, Wen Raiti and Rajat Sharma

Board Members Excused: Sophal Archard and Ed Callao

Board Members Unexcused: Lorelie Papel

Liaison to Board: Johnnetta Moore

Prospective Members/Guests/Volunteers Present: None

I. Call to Order

The Chair, Radwan Chowdhury called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

II. Pledge Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was stated.

III. Introductions

Introductions were made around the room.

IV. Guest Speaker

None

V. Minutes

Postponed until next meeting.

VI. Liaison to Board Update

Johnnetta Moore stated the Library does not allow rent forgiveness on a Saturday and the business cards are available.

VII. Committee Updates

➤ Asian Sports Day – Rajat Sharma

MAAAB will partner with the University of North Florida (UNF) Asian Student Association. Vendors (car dealerships, food vendors, etc.) will be invited and charged to participate. Estimate approximately 7000 people to attend. Variety of sports will be available for participants. Board will create an ad and sponsor book and the event will take place before spring break. The money raised will be divided between student association and MAAB. A suggestion was made to provide a scholarship to a UNF student.

➤ Awards

At the time of nomination for leadership awards, a picture and bio must be included. There are no changes to the application from last year. All awards and scholarship applications must be reviewed by the Boards and Commissions before they can be mailed out.

➤ Executive Committee – Radwan Chowdhury

No report.

➤ Finance Committee – Wen Raiti

Report was provided and there were no changes.

➤ Leadership Forum – Ed Callao

No report.

➤ May Event - Board

Radwan Chowdhury inquired about why there is not an Asian Leadership Night, such as Mayor Brown's to honor local Hispanic community leaders and Mrs. Moore replied that the Asian leaders are recognized at the May event.

➤ Membership/Nominations – Radwan Chowdhury

No Report.

➤ Nominating Committee/Elections

No report.

➤ High School Senior Scholarship Committee

This committee will accept either ACT or SAT scores.

➤ Treasurer Report – Wen Raiti

Wen Raiti read the Financial report and there were no changes from last month.

VIII. Unfinished Business

Radwan Chowdhury stated a professional designer is looking at the logo

IX. New Business

Bala Govi mentioned to the Board that there were no fields available to play Cricket. Mr. Govi inquired about several fields and they were already leased or not in good condition. Will continue to investigate.

X. Public Comment

No public comment

XI. Announcements

Successful Role Model Gala on October 22, 2014 at 6:00pm at the PFO.

Annual Free Health Screenings on October 24, 2014 from 10am to 2:00pm at the Wyndham Hotel in Downtown Jacksonville.

Encourage your community to GOTV and Early Vote starts on October 25, 2014.

XII. Meeting Adjourned

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p. m.