



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



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Board Meeting

Monday, November 10, 2014 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Sophal Archard, Radwan Chowdhury, Jay Gogaliya, Do In Kim, Wen Raiti and Rajat Sharma

Board Members Excused: Ed Callao

Board Members Unexcused: Bala Govi, Lorelie Papel and Sang Phouansouvanh

Liaison to Board: Johnnetta Moore

Prospective Members/Guests/Volunteers Present: Chet Aikens and Thang Khan

I. Call to Order

The Chair, Radwan Chowdhury called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

II. Pledge Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was stated.

III. Introductions

Introductions were made around the room.

IV. Guest Speaker

None

V. Minutes

No quorum was present when the agenda item was to be discussed.

VI. Liaison to Board Update

Johnnetta Moore introduced Chet Aikens, Assistant to Mia Jones, Boards/Commissions.

Representative Mia Jones and Mayor Brown is having a roundtable discussion for Board/Commission Chairs on Friday, November 21, 2014 in the Mayor's conference room. The last meeting was held in 2012 and Rajat Sharma was the Chair.

Mrs. Moore congratulated Radwan Chowdhury for receiving a Successful Role Model award.

VII. Committee Updates

➤ Asian Sports Day – Rajat Sharma

University of North Florida students and ICS will give money and donate to MAAAB.

➤ Awards

No report.

➤ Executive Committee – Radwan Chowdhury

No report.

➤ Finance Committee – Wen Raiti

No report.

➤ Leadership Forum – Ed Callao

Jay Gogaliya described the Leadership Forum to the Board. It was suggested the next forum should be just leaders. Dynamics of the forum was discussed and the name of the forum will be Leadership Forum – Education and Refugees. The primary date for the Forum is Saturday, January 24, 2015 and the secondary date is Saturday, January 17, 2014. Laura Davis will email Chet Aikens to reserve the Lynwood Roberts Room at City Hall for either date.

➤ May Event - Board

Board members decided the Library was the best choice to hold the event. Board will be requesting food sponsors for the following:

Chinese – Chicken/Broccoli, Fried Rice Noodle, and Veggie Spring Rolls

Indian – Vegetable Rice, Chicken and Veggie Curry, Non, Salad, Dessert

Tai – Red Chicken Curry, Pia Tai noodles, Spanish Plantains, Cupcakes

Desserts – Cheesecake, Cupcakes from Sam's or Fruit Custard from Indian Store.

Board to provide beverage – water and tea

Ticket price was set for \$40.00. Mrs. Moore reminded the Board that we are selling the scholarships and not the dinner. Laura Davis will verify if the vendors have to be licensed with the City.

Board members will purchase the tickets from Staples and Laura Davis will print in color. Changes were made to the sponsorship page. The Event Title Sponsor will get two tables, the back page of the Souvenir booklet and recognition on media print. The Grand Sponsor received a table and no tickets.

All monies for the May Event are due by Friday, February 27, 2014.

The Board will review the Night of Asia proposal and will forward changes to Radwan Chowdhury.

➤ Membership/Nominations – Radwan Chowdhury

The Board briefly discussed the absence of Board members.

➤ Nominating Committee/Elections

No report.

➤ High School Senior Scholarship Committee

Board set deadline for applications to be Saturday, February 28, 2015 for mailed in applications. Hand delivered applications will be due on Friday, February 27, 2014 due to City offices are closed on Saturday. An extra Board meeting can be set up to discuss scholarships.

➤ Treasurer Report – Wen Raiti

Laura Davis provided the Finance report which reflected a \$2,000 deposit made in September. Jay Gogaliya made a correction that the \$2,000 is for general funds and not for scholarships.

VIII. Unfinished Business

None reported.

IX. New Business

None reported.

X. Public Comment

No public comment

XI. Announcements

Thang Khan reported the Burmese Community will be hosting a Thanksgiving Feast in Spring Park on Thursday, November 27, 2014 at 4:00pm.

XII. Meeting Adjourned

Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p. m.