

Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: October 14th 2014 at 9:00 am

Board Members Present: Ida Gropper, Rafael Caldera, Alicia Burst, Jesús Montero, Carmen Mantay, Judith Rodriguez, Patricia Solo-Josephson, Mario Decunto, Cristina Echeverry.

Excused Board Members: Victor Pacheco

Unexcused Board Members: None

Staff Present: Betzy Santiago

Guests: Dawn Gillman, Emergency Services and Homeless Coalition of Northeast Florida

Welcome: Meeting was called to order by Chair, Ida Gropper. A quorum was confirmed.

Minutes Approval – C. Echeverry motioned to approve the minutes with corrections, P. Josephson seconded the motion. The September 9, 2014 minutes were approved with corrections.

Fiscal and Executive Updates

- o No Budget or Executive Updates.

Committee Reports

Health, & Public Safety

- o P. Josephson stated that the Northern Pediatric Society has provided \$1,000 for printing of 250 copies of *La Guia*. Additional contributions from other sources will enable additional copies to be printed.

Education

- o M. Decunto indicated that the Hispanic Expo was successful. Mario Andrade, HIV Prevention Advocate may come to a MHAAB meeting. A. Burst stated that Mayor Brown was there for the Naturalization Ceremony. Several persons indicated that the Schultz Center is difficult to find and that may have impacted total attendance.

Economic and Faith Based

- o J. Montero attended the "Know Your Rights" session at the Florida Coastal School of Law. A range of free legal services are provided, including tax, business and entrepreneur, disability, public benefits, immigration and family law.

Hispanic Leadership Awards

- o I. Gropper indicated that the HLA Selection Subcommittee will have a debriefing conference call that will include discussions on selection criteria and the ceremony. She thanked the subcommittee members and B. Santiago for her work on the HLA.

New Business

- o Carlos Bouvier invited the Board to attend Hispanic Art Walk on Saturday at the Landing from 4 p.m. to midnight. Carlos also recommended that the Board be relevant. He discussed accomplishments of previous Board members, including ATD, public announcements, media coverage, and large participation by the public at meetings. Carlos said that the previous Board would meet twice per month, once was an Executive meeting and the other was a Public meeting.

Old Business

- o ESOL - C. Echeverry stated that there were about 400 attendees, most young adults.

- ATD – General agreement by attendees that it was a successful event; that the videos showcasing past recipients and W. Lee was excellent. Discussion ensued regarding the need to link the HLA and ATD.
- I. Gropper and A. Burst attended the FCHCC meeting.
- Carla Miller – Response outside of MHAAB scope of responsibility but within scope of city and has been addressed.
- R. Caldera and B. Santiago met and will present a proposal for the Community Partnership Events.
- Reminders –
 - Third quarter logs due by 10/15 and to include July, Aug., Sept. activities. Last quarter log due Dec. 16
 - Committee and subcommittee reports due 12/19/14 to J. Rodriguez for preparation of Annual Report. Consider reviewing past, and providing future recommendations.
 - Jan 23, 2016 Board Retreat 9 am – 12 pm. Location TBD.
- R. Caldera recommended that the next MHAAB meeting be changed to Nov. 5, 2014 rather than cancelled due to the 11/11 Veteran’s Day Holiday.

Guest Speaker

- Dawn Gillman informed attendees of the services offered by the Emergency Services and Homeless Coalition of Northeast Florida.

Next Meeting

- Next Mayor’s Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting will be at Webster Univ. 10407 Centurion Parkway, Suite 210, Jacksonville, FL 32256 on November 5th at 9 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned at: 10:20 a.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Judith Rodriguez