

## **Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date: September 9<sup>th</sup> 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, Yvonne Shaffer

**Unexcused Board Members:** None

**Staff Present:** Betzy Santiago, Ana Andreu

**Guests:** None

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

**Minutes Approval** – Patty motioned to approve the minutes with corrections, Jesus seconded it. The minutes from the August meeting were approved with corrections.

### **Fiscal and Executive Updates**

The budget was presented before Council and for the second year, the board did not receive any General Fund money.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Health, & Public Safety**
  - Judy contacted Mauri from Walgreens to advertise on la Guia. She forwarded the information to Patty.
  - Judy will meet with Dr. White today, 9/9/14.
  - Patty met with C. Brown from Nemours. She is interested in the disparity on Hispanic Americans and African Americans.
- **Education**
  - No updates
- **Economic and Faith Based**
  - Carmen – Unity Plaza will be having a grand opening on February 2015; she presented an informal invitation to the Chair. Unity Plaza is a plaza being built in Riverside. It is looking to have about 360 events per year. It also has an amphitheater with capacity of 2500 people.
  - Rafael – FCHCC is having a luncheon with the Sheriff, he will forward the information to all.

### **Hispanic Leadership Awards**

- Ida presented the rating sheet for the HLA.
- The event will take place on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 6:00 pm in City Council Chambers.
- For voting purposes, if a member of the subcommittee had submitted a nomination, they recused themselves from voting on that category.
- The rating sheet was presented and explained by Ida, and she also presented the nomination tabulation sheet.
- The nominees recommended are as follows:
  - Government – Roberto Arias
  - Education – Rocelia Gonzalez
  - Health – Hector James
  - Faith Based – Joffre Vivoni
  - Business – Andrew Russell
  - Non-profit – Maurice Rudolph
  - Lifetime – Clark Vargas
  - Visionary – no candidate received the minimum evaluation of 80%

### **New Business**

- ESOL Open house – Yvonne would like for someone to assist with the ESOL open house. Mario and Cristina volunteered to assist.
- E-mail received – Alicia received an accusatory e-mail and forwarded it to MHAAB. This issue is being handled by JSO. The question for the board is how to address it. Judy made a motion not to respond and Carmen seconded it. After some discussion, Rafael made a motion to table the issue, and Alicia seconded it. The Rafael motion was voted down on a 2-7 vote. The Judy motion was approved on a 7-2 vote.
- Calendar
  - ATD luncheon – Ida asked for a headcount on who is attending the luncheon. Jesus and Cristina will not be able to attend. Ida invited Ana to attend.
  - Activity Log Sheets – the sheets for the third quarter are due on October 15<sup>th</sup>, and the ones for the fourth quarter are due December 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - Community Partnership Meeting has been postponed until February.
  - MHAAB 2015 Planning Retreat – Ida presented two possible dates, January 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>. Cristina motioned to have it on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Patty seconded it, and the vote was unanimous.

### **Old Business**

- Hispanic Expo-
  - Items needed at the table:
    - Sign it sheet
    - Calendar of meetings
    - Flyer with mission
  - Mario suggested creating a Google phone to have another way for the Community to contact us other than the email.

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 10:23 am

### **Next Meeting**

Next Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting will be on 10/14/14 at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Ana Andreu.