

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

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Meeting called to order: 9:05 am

Board Members Present: A. Burst, R. Caldera, M. Decunto, J. Rodriguez, C. Echeverry, J. Montero

Absent Board Members (Excused): I. Gropper, C. Mantay, J. Bonfante,

Staff Present: B. Santiago

Guests: Mr. Sefair, EcoLatino, Al Diaz, Sheriff's Office

- I. **Welcome:** 9:05 AM Meeting was called to order by R. Caldera . A quorum was confirmed.
- II. **Minutes Approval** – The minutes for May 12, 2015 were approved with corrections.(A. Burst motion; C. Echeverry second)
- III. **Fiscal and Executive Updates** – No change, budget is \$889.95 in the Trust Fund. R. Caldera stated I. Gropper requests purchase of a tablecloth for use when MHAAB is participating in Fairs, etc. B. Santiago will check first to see if we have one.

IV. Committee Reports

1 Health, & Public Safety

M. Decunto will work on the White Paper. I. Gropper has shared contact information of professionals willing to assist. MHAAB members will be available to help. Outside Mental Health professionals will also be asked to help.

2 Education

C. Echeverry visited Beauclerc Elementary School, which is a K-5 dual language school. It also has a VPK. There are 30 applicants for the ATD scholarship.

3 Economic and Faith Based

J. Montero represented MHAAB at the FCHCC meeting at the Beaver St. Business Center.

4 Community Partnership Meeting – A. Burst mentioned that a planning meeting will be scheduled. Various issues need to be considered, e.g., time, parking, etc.

V. New Business

B. Santiago reminded the Board members that they need to find out who will be the new liaison to the Mayor's Office and who will take the lead on specific tasks, e.g., Website, Hispanic Heritage Month, etc. and who will perform specific tasks.

VI. Old Business

- o WON report submitted by C. Echeverry; J. Montero asked for the database of contacts.

- o Awaiting news regarding selection of new Board members who will fill current vacancies.

VII. Guest Speakers

Mr. Sefair (EcoLatino) stated he needs about a 2-3 month lead time for promotion of the Oct. 24, 2015 Awards.

Mr. Diaz (Sheriff's Office) reminded the Board that it is important they have a relationship with the Sheriff's Office to help inform it about the Hispanic community.

VIII. Public Concerns - None

IX. Reminders:

- a. Next Meeting – July 14, 9-10:30 a.m.
Location City Hall, Room TBD
- b. 2nd quarter service hours
 - i. Due July 1

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:50 am

Minutes Submitted by:
Judith Rodriguez 6/20/15