

**Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting
Minutes
Date: May 12, 2015**

Meeting called to order: 9:05 am

Board Members Present: A. Burst, R. Caldera, I. Gropper, C. Mantay, J. Rodriguez, C. Echeverry, J. Bonfante, J. Montero

Absent Board Members: M. Decunto

Staff Present: B. Santiago

Guests: None

- I. **Welcome:** 9:00 AM Meeting was called to order by Ida Gropper. A quorum was confirmed.
- II. **Minutes Approval** – The minutes for April 2015 were approved with corrections.
- III. **Fiscal and Executive Updates** – No change, budget is \$889.95 in the Trust Fund.
- IV. **Committee Reports**

a. 1 Health, & Public Safety

No report

a. 2 Education

C. Echeverry sent out ATD scholarship information to various agencies. The deadline to apply has been extended to 5/29/15. One suggestion is to start marketing information about the scholarship earlier in the year. J. Montero attended the Duval County School Board meeting.

a. 3 Economic and Faith Based

J. Montero recommends adding a line item to the upcoming Agendas regarding provision of FCHCC updates. C. Mantay will investigate promotion and support of Hispanic culture through Unity Plaza activities.

b. WON Committee Update

C. Echeverry, A. Burst, R. Caldera provided an update. 17 Surveys were completed. Scholarships, jobs, crime seem to be the most important issues. Motion: Next year more collaboration with Hispanic exhibitors, give them MHAAB and ATD materials instead of a MHAAB booth. Motion did not pass. Consensus that a range of options be considered and discussed at a later date.

c. Community Partnership Meeting – The meeting with A. Burst and B. Santiago is to be rescheduled.

V. New Business

- o MHAAB website needs to be checked and updated. Send updates to C. Aikens, copy B. Santiago and I. Gropper.
- o a. Members discussed changing U.S. Latino demographics and common cultural values and health beliefs.

VI. Old Business

- o C. Mantay stated that the Unity Plaza wants to integrate the Hispanic community into its group and she will be keeping MHAAB updated/informed.

- o New members need to be selected and added to the Board to fill current vacancies.

VII. Guest Speaker – None

VIII. Public Concerns - None

IX. Reminders:

- a. Next Meeting – June 9, 9-10:30 a.m. City Hall, 4th Floor
- b. Service hours
 - i. 2nd quarter due July 1
- c. Calendar of events are attached.

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:48 am

Minutes Submitted by:
Judith Rodriguez 5/12/15