

**Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting
Minutes
Date: April 14, 2015**

Meeting called to order: 9:05 am

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

Absent Board Members: J. Bonfante, J. Montero

Staff Present: B. Santiago, C. Aikens

Guests: Annie Grogan, CEO/President, The H.I.L.L.

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

Minutes Approval – The minutes for February and March 2015 were approved with corrections.

Fiscal and Executive Updates – Budget is \$889.95 in the Trust Fund.

Committee Reports

- **Health, & Public Safety**
 - M. Decunto attended
 - *"La Latina"* Radio event at the Landing
 - Hispanic Meet and Greet at *Cuba Libre*
 - *"Familias Sanas, Comunidades Sanas"* by Jacksonville System of Care
 - More community events, including about suicide prevention are being planned by the Jacksonville System of Care
- **Education**
 - C. Echeverry and A. Burst attended the Achieving The Dream meeting. The criteria for the scholarship has been revised and awardees will be encouraged to do volunteer work for FCHCC.
- **Economic and Faith Based**
 - C. Mantay will investigate promotion and support of Hispanic culture through Unity Plaza activities.
 - C. Mantay attended an event at Chet's Creek Church. Of the approximate 4000 attendees about half were Hispanic.
- **New Business**
 - Patricia Solo-Josephson has stepped down from the Board due to work related responsibilities and Victor Pacheco will not renew for a second term. Mario Decunto and Alicia Burst will continue to serve on a second term. Applications for new members are encouraged.
 - C. Echeverry has volunteered to follow up/call the Jacksonville Science Festival contacts.
- **Old Business**
 - Discussion affirmed that Mental Health and Suicide Prevention will be the focus of the White Paper. Mario Decunto will take the lead, find community resources and/or persons who can serve on a subcommittee. Board members agreed to provide support as needed.

- C. Mantay, A. Burst and J. Montero will work with B. Santiago on the Community Partnership activity.
- Motion made to NOT participate in World of Nations 5/2015. Motion did not pass (2 yea; 5 nay).
- **Guest Presentation**
 - Annie Grogan, CEO/President, The H.I.L.L., two major events planned, "*Las Voces*" guest speaker Juan Carlos Davila 4/23, Univ. North Florida, University Center, and "*Mujer Latina, Mujeres de Manaña*," May 16, 2015, Schultz Center.
- **Announcements**
 - 4/17 City of Jacksonville, Ethics Training
 - 4/18 Florida Coastal School of Law Legal Assistance Day
 - 4/18 Caroline Arms Apartments Empowerment Day
 - 4/18-4/19 Southeastern Women's Expo
 - 4/21 Final Meeting for World Of Nations participants
 - 4/25 Multicultural Event, Church of God (Girvin Road)
 - 5/2-5/3 World of Nations
 - 4/25 *Casa Latina* Grand Opening
 - 5/16 Asian Gala, Main Library
- **Reminders**
 - World of Nations plan:
 - R. Caldera will attend the final meeting 4/21, get tickets and parking passes.
 - I. Gropper will prepare materials for the MHAAB booth C. Echeverry will provide the table cloth
 - Schedule: Saturday 5/2/15 12 – 2 pm, J. Rodriguez, 2 – 4 pm, A. Burst; Sunday 5/3/15 12 – 4 pm M. Decunto, 2 – 4 pm C. Echeverry.

Meeting Adjourned at: 11:00 am

Minutes Prepared, Corrected and Submitted by:
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