

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

Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2016

Meeting called to order: 9:05 am

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

Absent Board Members (Excused): C. Echeverry, T. Jimenez Jr.

Staff Present: N/A

Guests: Betzy Santiago, Mary Bringham, Catholic Charities Intern

- I. Welcome:** 9:05 AM Meeting was called to order by R. Caldera. A quorum was confirmed. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance: Led by C. Mantay
- II. Minutes Approval** – The minutes for December meeting were approved.
(M. Decunto motion; C. Mantay second)
- III. Fiscal and Executive Updates**
 - a. No change since last meeting. There is \$889.95 in the Trust Fund assuming that there was no interest accumulated in the account. Once a liaison is assigned to MHAAB, we'll receive more detailed information (I. Gropper).
 - b. COJ Liason Julio Lacayo was noted not present at today's meeting (R. Caldera).
 - c. No response from COJ regarding Chair's requests for information and clarification regarding Chair's concerns on online posts (R. Caldera).
 - d. Facebook posts will continue to be responsibility of Jesus Montero (J. Montero).
- IV. Committee Reports**
 - a. Health and Public Safety**

M. Decunto reported working with T. Jimenez Sr. to increase mental health services in more schools for Hispanic Students to address Health Dept's findings of increased need in the Hispanic Community.
 - b. Economic and Faith Based:**

a. La Guia is in process to be printed. A. Burst continued to report not hearing back from Jocelyn Turner of the Health Dept. La Guia is in early stages of being completed. Reportedly, printer Mark Al-Mad is "ready to go" on the project. A. Burst discussed plan to have a lunch meeting with Leon Carrero and J. Turner to finalize plan. (A. Burst).

b. J. Montero reported meeting at The H.I.L.L. volunteer award presentation. J. Montero also reported recently being offered the opportunity to host a television show highlighting Hispanic Culture on new channel (channel 18-1) established by Univision in Jacksonville and owned by Chad Dominicis. This channel is transmitted in digital and will be available on cable in March. Additionally, J. Montero reported Pastor Funez of Avance Misionero is broadcasting on the new channel and Westside Nissan, the largest Hispanic owned car dealership is advertising on the new channel.

c. Education

a. C. Echeverry was not present to report.

b. I. Gropper reported plans to step down from MHAAB in March 2016. The former chair recommended new board members have a retreat for education and training on Robert's Rules, Establishing 4 goals of the year, Breaking down the Strategic Plan and to define MHAAB's role in the community. (I. Gropper)

V. Old Business

a. R. Caldera discussed End of year report and plans to meet with Former Chair I. Gropper to discuss completion of report.

b. R. Caldera discussed continuation of MHAAB's role in creating La Guia. A. Burst created motion to continue with publication of La Guia and for publication be contracted to Heritage Publishing. A. Burst reported plans to create contract and return to the board for final approval before signing contract. 2nd by J. Montero.

1. Discussion – I. Gropper inquired of the Mayor's support behind La Guia and premise of MHAAB providing resources to the community while also becoming a revenue source for the Board through advertisements in the publication.

2. A. Burst discussed creating a document to submit to the city to request participation and for approval of funds to the Board through advertisements in La Guia.

3. A. Burst agreed to take responsibility of taking La Guia underway.

4. Motion Vote: Unanimous vote in favor, motion approved (R. Caldera).

VI. New Business

- a. R. Caldera requested for each member to give their opinion on changing the times of meeting and meeting location due to Mayor's office restricting use of current room to 1 hour.
 - A. C. Mantay and J. Montero – chose to make no changes.
 - B. A. Burst suggested to keep same location but change meeting times.
 - C. I. Gropper and M. Decunto suggested to change location and times if this were to increase community participation.
 - D. R. Caldera suggested to make no changes but to keep meetings to 1 hr. However, if meeting warrants the need for more time and larger accommodations, a notice will be made 72hrs in advance to inform the community.
- b. R. Caldera inquired of members' interest in MHAAB taking part in World of Nations Celebration (WONC) on April 22-23 and requested for members to bring questions for next meeting.
- c. R. Caldera discussed Hispanic Leadership Awards (HLA) and importance of Mayor's presence (R. Caldera).
 - A. J. Montero requested to take charge of awards and discussed ideas of how to approach event.
 - B. A draft a letter to the Mayor will be written and submitted for Board approval by next MHAAB meeting. (J. Montero)
- d. R. Caldera suggested MHAAB presence at Jacksonville Public Education Fund (JPEF) One by One Convention and importance of supporting Maira Martelo, one of the events key organizers. M. Decunto reported plans to attend convention to represent MHAAB. (M.Decunto)

VII. Public Concerns –

- a. Betzy Santiago recommended for MHAAB to nominate a child for the MLK award breakfast and recommended for members to take part in the event. M. Decunto reported plans to attend.
- b. Mary Bringham discussed her role as a Hispanic in the community working as an intern for Catholic Charities with I. Gropper.

VIII. Reminders:

- a. Next Meeting – February 12th, 9-10:00 a.m. Location City Hall, Room TBD
- b. 4th quarter service hours Due January 31st

Meeting Adjourned at: 10:10 am

Minutes Submitted by: M. Decunto 2/5/16