

Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Board Members Present: A. Burst, R., Caldera, C. Echeverry, E. Pantoja, J. Silva, J. Montero, T. Jimenez, J. Cuetos, M. Decunto

Absent Board Members (excused): J. Lacayo (staff)

Staff Present: N/A

Guests: Marivi Wright (The Players Center for Child Health at Wolfsons)

Welcome: 9:00AM Meeting was called to order by Rafael Caldera. A quorum was confirmed. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance: Led by J. Montero.

Minutes Approval – T. Jimenez requested the postponing of the approval of the minutes based on his presentation of the bylaws. It was recommended to approve the minutes and amend as necessary. Minutes for August 9th motion J. Montero, second T. Jimenez. Motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal and Executive Updates

J. Lacayo gave information pertaining to the trust fund, which currently has \$1,016 in the account (R. Calderea). Dr. Pulido held a meeting on Thursday, August 25th at Havana Jax. The next conference will be on Thursday, December 1st from 6PM – 8PM. El Grito de Independencia de Mexico took place on September 17th at Havana Jax/Cuba Libre from 12:00PM – 2:00PM with Jose Paredes. On September 17th the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens will be hosing the Fiesta Del Jaguar in honor of Hispanic Heritage and Conservation which will feature Latin music and food, kids' activities and education (R. Caldera).

Committee Reports

Education

J. Silva will attend this Friday's ESOL Advisory Council Meeting in NE Florida. Mentioned workshops are needed at Beaches and Downtown. ESOL are 41% Hispanic (larger percentage than previously). Set-up Friday meetings with ESOL and each organization on the Advisory Council which J. Silva will be reporting on. The CareerSource of Northeast Florida will be working together with FSCJ to enhance English Civics classes. They will be presenting their current work to the Advisory Council on Friday. The Women's Center of Jacksonville's next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 23rd.

Higher Education Day will take place on October 19th (during Jax Innovation Week) and will involve collaboration between FSCJ, UNF, JU and Edward Waters. The event will take place from 9AM – 11AM at the Advanced Technology Center (Downtown Campus), followed by two hour increments at each College/University. The event will address meeting online business and innovation programs, outreach and invitations to the Advisory Council, Hispanic Organizations and Community Business Partners (J. Silva).

C. Echeverry asked for volunteers speaking at Hispanic Heritage Month events at military bases (J. Montero volunteered). ITT Tech Closing.

Health and Public Safety

October 11th at 6PM at Havana Jax the Duval County Health Association will give their final report E. Pantoja will be attending. The Mayor has been invited. MHAAB members were encouraged to go (E. Pantoja).

Economic and Faith Based

On August 13th, J. Montero joined the house of prayer with International Ministries Pastor Johnson in canvassing the surrounding areas of the church's circumference to distribute flyers with information about the church's Back to School Blessing. Check-ups were given for entry to school and for participating in sports. Free haircuts and hairdos were offered. It was a total success.

On Aug 25th, J. Montero attended the Jacksonville Hispanic Leadership Conference and on August 28th he attended the ERJ (one of the largest Hispanic Churches in the US with over 20 thousand members). On September 4th, J. Montero attended service and met with the pastor of the largest Hispanic Church in Jacksonville, (Avance Misionero) with over 1 thousand 5 hundred members (pastor is Alex Funes). Pastor Funes expressed interest in being involved with MHAAB and the Mayor's Office.

Another upcoming event of great importance is happening on October 8th where the Hola Jacksonville Festival at the Landing which will take place from 5PM – midnight (J. Montero).

T. Jimenez met with Vice Chair of the Florida Branch of the National Association of Realtors to work with MHAAB regarding home ownership of Hispanics. He will meet again in two weeks to brainstorm an opportunity/event where MHAAB can partner with organization that is meaningful to the Jacksonville community (T. Jimenez).

Hispanic Leadership Awards

The committee has not met yet but will meet soon (J. Silva, E. Pantoja and A. Burst). The draft of the letter for involvement of the Mayor and/or staff has been created and will be submitted (R. Caldera).

Achieving the Dream

MHAAB members are offered 50% Gala tickets. C. Echeverry will order tickets for those interested in attending the event. So far, J. Silva and E. Pantoja have committed to attend. M. Decunto will be attending but is not sure if he needs one or two tickets (C. Echeverry).

Old Business

Requested Office of General Council to attend this month's MHAAB meeting but did not receive a response pertaining to the meeting minutes of a previous meeting (R. Caldera). The options are to remove or table the motion. R. Caldera recommends to table the motion and MHAAB members agreed (R. Caldera). On Thursday October 13th there will be an ethics training 12PM – 1PM. All MHAAB members were encouraged to attend (A. Burst).

New Business

Election of New MHAAB Chairperson. R. Caldera nominated A. Burst to be MHAAB Chair. T. Jimenez nominated J. Montero. J. Montero would like MHAAB to be more involved with the community with faith based and the business sector and to become an action based board instead of advisory. J. Montero mentioned MHAAB needs to create a strong partnership with FCHCC and various other organizations. 6 votes for A. Burst, 3 votes for J. Montero. For simple vote, A. Burst was given nomination of MHAAB Chair.

First course of action was to choose a nomination committee for Vice Chair. The selection committee will consist of: R. Caldera and M. Decunto.

A suggestion was set up appointment to meet with Office of General Council versus requesting to attend a MHAAB meeting (J. Cuetos). R. Caldera already met with the Council.

By the end of the year, MHAAB's board should be complete (R. Caldera).

New Chairperson will select committee for remaining officers for October 2016 election (Vice Chair and Secretary).

Public Comments

N/A

Meeting Adjourned by A. Burst at: 9:39AM.

Meeting Minutes Draft Submitted by: C. Echeverry 10/10/2016. The next meeting will be on October 11th at City Hall, 4th Floor Conference Room.