

Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 12, 2013 at 9:00 am

Present: ~~Jesus Montene~~, Carmen Mantay, Javier Garcia, Patricia Solo-Josephson, Rafael Caldera, Ida Gropper, Alicia Burst, Yvonne Shaffer, **Victor Pacheco**

Staff Present: Ana Andreu

Guests: John Braun, Victim Services Center – City of Jacksonville; Fernando Martinez-Smith, Immigration Attorney; Ken Cintron, Heekin Orthopedic

Welcome: Patty called the meeting to order.

Minutes Approval – The minutes from the October meeting were approved.

Committee Reports

- **Health, Education, Public Safety**
 - Superintendent Vitti promised that the dual language program would reach High School in Duval County.
 - West Riverside School has a new principal. This is the first all dual language school in Duval County. They are moving into making it a **choice full** magnet for bilingual students, including VPK.
 - The school is looking for donations for some of the areas that are still pending, like the science lab and the sports program.
- **Faith Based, Cultural, Special Events**
 - This committee has submitted their end of year report
 - They recommend having an end of year brochure to pass out at events so the community knows what the Board has done.
- **Government Relations, Public Relations, Business**
 - This committee is working on their end of year report.
 - Carmen has offered to organize the end of year get together.

Correspondence to and From the Mayor's Office

- Ana needs to get with James Croft to discuss the updates needed on the website.

Planning Retreat

- Some of the topics that need to be covered during the retreat are:
 - Robert's rules
 - Sunshine Law – Ethics
 - Bylaws
 - Master Calendar

Nominations and Voting

- The nomination subcommittee met and submitted the following recommendations to the board:
 - Vice Chair Nominees: Ida Gropper and Alicia Burst
 - Secretary Nominees: Mario Decunto and Rafael Caldera
- Voting went as follows:
 - Vice Chair – Alicia declined her nomination. **The Board voted unanimously for Ida. Ida accepted the position.**
 - Secretary – One vote for Mario; 7 votes for Rafael. Rafael accepted the position.

Next Meeting

Next Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting will be on 12/10/13 at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Ana Andreu, Administrative Assistant