

Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 9, 2013 at 9:00 am

Present: Mario Decunto, Javier Garcia, Patricia Solo-Josephson, Carmen Mantay, Yvonne Shaffer, Rafael Caldera, Ida Gropper, Alicia Burst, and Paul Martinez

Guests: Raul Espinoza; Willie Gonzales, SBA; Emilio Montilla

Staff Present: Ana Andreu

Welcome: Paul called the meeting to order.

Minutes Approval – Minutes were approved with changes by majority.

Fiscal Update

Committee Reports

- **Health, Education, Public Safety**

- Mario attended the meeting with Superintendent Vitti. Yvonne will attend the parent's academy today. She will provide a report next meeting. She also attended the School Board Meeting.
- Vitti wants a bilingual representative in each school. He is pledging to move toe ESOL to High School.
- Diabetes Walk – Yvonne is promoting Team Super April for the Diabetes Walk. Registration starts at 8:30 am at the Fairgrounds. The Mayor will be in attendance.
- NROADS – Patty met with them. They are an organization that will match money donated to High School kids.
- Paul proposed to send a letter to Vitti thanking him about the motion to include a Hispanic representative in each school.
- Yvonne proposed to include in the letter to Vitti the suggestion to change the phrase "proof of residency" to "proof of address". Yvonne will find out more information on this. Paul proposed to wait on this issue.

- **Faith Based, Cultural, Special Events**

- Ida met with Ucom (organization that serves meals on wheels to the Southside). She will submit form to the board for the record.
- Javier has been and will continue to visit churches to gather information to include in the Guia. The Board will help to gather information on the community.
- May 19th: Global Day of Prayer.
- Catholic Charities provides service to the community to help the unemployed and under employed.
- The City will be hosting the Interfaith Breakfast on May 20th at the Prime Osborn Center.

- **Government Relations, Public Relations, Business**

- Mia Jones is introducing a bill in the House to decrease sugary drinks in daycare centers. The board voted unanimously to send a letter to Representative Jones supporting her less sugary drinks initiative.
- Rafael met with Mr. Mora from the FCHCC regarding Achieving the Dream. The Chamber wants MHAAB to have an active participation on this year's event. There are three areas where they need assistance: reviewing the applications; organizing the event and fundraising. Mr. Mora will attend the next MHAAB meeting.
- Mr. Espinoza came to the meeting to discuss the disparity study that the City has not released. Paul also met with him to discuss the study. This study is in the works and Mr. Espinoza has a solution to the study. Paul feels that the Board should wait for the report to be public to further discuss and take a stand. Javier pointed out to the Board what its mission is.

- Rafael made a motion to wait until the study comes out to support or not the Umbrella initiative. The motion passed with only one member opposed.
- Ida posted the question of where is the study, why is it taking so long to be published. The Board's role is no to filter the concern, just to pass the information.
- On the issue of where is the study at, the board proposed a formal request to the Mayor's Office on a date for the study to come out.
- Ida proposed a motion to move forward to bring light on the concern of where the study is and what has been done. The motion was passed.

Correspondence to and From the Mayor's Office

Public Comment

Willie Gonzales

Emilio Montilla

Next Meeting

Next Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting will be on 5/14/13 at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Ana Andreu, Administrative Aide