

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

**Date: March 12, 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

**Staff Present:** Ana Andreu

**Welcome:** Paul called the meeting to order.

**Minutes Approval** – Minutes were approved with changes by majority.

### **Fiscal Update**

The City of Jacksonville is starting on the budget season. There will be an informative session on March 25<sup>th</sup>. After that there will be individual meetings by department or agency to discuss their budget. The only budget that is up for discussion is the one obtain from the General Fund; the Trust Fund is not discussed because it cannot be touched.

The Board needs to vote on participating in the World of Nations. If the board decides to do it, they must approve an expenditure of \$100.00 to participate. The Board approved the expenditure.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Health, Education, Public Safety**

The team presented 5 inquiry forms. There are two upcoming health fairs and the walk for diabetes. Paul reminded all the committees to forward any inquiry forms to Ana for distribution. The Board wants to coordinate a meeting with Superintendent Vitti to come to the meeting. Paul proposed to invite him to a round table.

The number of incarcerations for young Hispanic people is on the rise. The Board is hoping that Victor could provide some information on this.

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

Javier and Ida met to determine the agencies available to the community to include in the new Guia.

Javier was questioning what the process would be if or when he is approached by other contractors that are having issues with the City. He was wondering if we only provide assistance to those of Hispanic descent. The Board cannot keep anyone out; if they want to address the board they can attend the meeting.

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

The team has attended the City Council meetings and also the Hate Crime panel.

### **Correspondence to and From the Mayor's Office**

The City is working on launching a Spanish Facebook page for the City. An invitation will be sent to join and "like" the page.

### **Next Meeting**

Next Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting will be on 4/9/13 at 9:00 a.m.

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