

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

**Date: June 10th, 2014 at 9:00 am**

**Board Members Present:** Patricia Solo-Josephson, Rafael Caldera, Alicia Burst, Jesús Montero, Carmen Mantay, Victor Pacheco, Judith Rodriguez, Mario Decunto, Ida Gropper.

**Excused Board Members:** Yvonne Shaffer

**Unexcused Board Members:** None

**Staff Present:** Betzy Santiago, Ana Andreu

**Guests:** Legal Aid

**Welcome:** Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Solo-Josephson. A quorum was confirmed at approximately 9:20 am.

**Minutes Approval** – The minutes from the May meeting were approved unanimously.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Health, & Public Safety**
  - Victor attended a Republican Party event at Clay County representing the Board. He also attended the VA Nursing home to visit the Hispanic veterans.
  - There is a radio program about twice a month on 99.2 where the Hispanic Health Council presents various health related topics for the Hispanic Community.
- **Education**
  - No update provided
- **Economic and Faith Based**
  - The committee has been in communication with Roberto Sanchez from Lobos U. he is providing information on churches, and businesses to complete the database.
  - Rock of Salvation will be hosting a People Fair on November 8<sup>th</sup> at their church on Cortez Rd.

### **Community Partnership Subcommittee**

A complete report will be submitted during the next Board meeting.

### **Hispanic Leadership Awards**

- Looked at the debriefing notes from last year.
- There were some bugs with the form. Some nominations did not go through.
- Board has requested to change the word count in the nomination to a character count.
- The subcommittee will be meeting to go over the nomination form and judging form.

### **New Business**

- Please submit the volunteer hours for the quarter ending in June. Bring them to the July meeting.
- If you are unable to attend a meeting, please let the chair know. Due to the board having one vacancy, we only have 10 members, but quorum is still 6.
- Rafael presented the idea of having the ADT and HLA on the same event to the FCHCC. They will vote on this idea on June 13<sup>th</sup> for the events on 2015.
- Victor wanted to address the meeting time. He stated that he has not seen the Mayor attend any of the meetings. He stated that key players can't attend the meetings at this time because they are attending to their own businesses.
- Rafael pointed out that the last time the meeting time was addressed was in January 2013.
- Ida said that if the idea is to reach out to the community, we can do that through the Community Partnership Subcommittee.

- Patty invited Victor to make a motion to change the meeting time, but he chose to withdraw the issue.
- Judith presented a motion on ways how to reach out to the community through the community partnership subcommittee; Ida seconded.
- Victor commented that the board could go as teams to invite people to come to our meeting.
- Rafael reminded the board that last year the Board had a RR Committee (Rafael, Alicia and Carmen) who met with over 30 organizations and they followed up with them on a quarterly basis.
- Judith suggested that when we meet with the community we need to ask "What is the issue that affects the community?" "What is the greatest need?"
- A motion was made to have a Comment Box at the end of the Community Partnership Meeting. – It was approved unanimously.

### **Next Meeting**

Next Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting will be on 07/08/14 at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Ana Andreu.