

Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 13th, 2014 at 9:00 am

Board Members Present: Patricia Solo-Josephson, Rafael Caldera, Alicia Burst, Jesús Montero, Carmen Mantay, Yvonne Shaffer, Judy Rodriguez, Mario Decunto, Ida Gropper.

Board Members Not Present: Victor Pacheco

Staff Present: Betzy Santiago, Ana Andreu

Guests: None

Welcome: A quorum was confirmed and Chairman Solo-Josephson called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 am.

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

Committee Reports

- **Health, & Public Safety**
 - Hispanic Health Council Presentation coming up.
- **Education**
 - Grad Nation – Alma Powell was present, but the Hispanic community was not represented.
 - VPK is now available in Spanish at West Riverside Elementary. West Riverside is the first fully bilingual school in Duval County, from VPK to 5th grade.
 - Other schools where ESOL is available Dupont, San Jose.
- **Economic and Faith Based**
 - We are still looking into partnering with the Mayor's Asian American Board on their awards project.
 - Jesus finished the Mayor's Mentors class. He also finished the internship at Marco Rubio's office. They provide assistance with any federal issue. 904-398-8586.

Community Partnership Subcommittee

The June 10th session needs to be cancelled as there is not enough time to prepare.

Hispanic Leadership Awards

- The nomination form needs to be reviewed and revised to include a note that all fields need to be completed.
- The Board would like to be able to test the nomination on the website to avoid any confusion like there was last year.

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- After careful consideration, it was determined that the Board needs a booth at the event to take care of all the needs of the community.

FCHCC/ATD

- President of the FCHCC, Leon Carrero, sent a letter to the Board regarding the ATD. The possible dates for the event are October 8, 9, 10 or 15 at the Hyatt. Alicia is part of the committee at FCHCC.
- There will be a meeting on Friday at FCHCC where it could be discussed to combine ATD and HLA.
- The board reviewed the letter presented by Leon Carrero and Jesus motioned to approve/accept the letter without point two which is confirming the Mayor's support. Betzy will confirm this issue.
- Carmen Mantay motioned to propose the combination of both events. Carmen proposed an amendment to her proposal to have a discussion with the chamber on the combination of both events. Jesus seconded the amendment.

- Yvonne mentioned that the ADT event is always well attended and last year the HLA was not that well attended/ Mario suggested that the scholarships could be handed out at the HLA.
- The board discussed how the HLA recipients could act as mentors for those students receiving the ATD scholarships.
- A vote was presented on discussing the idea of one event with FCHCC. 9 in favor, 1 opposed.

The chair challenged the board to bring ideas on how to fundraise to increase the balance of the trust fund which currently has \$260.05.

Next Meeting

Next Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting will be on 06/10/14 at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Ana Andreu.