

Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Board Members Present: A. Burst, R. (via conference call), Caldera, C. Echeverry, E. Pantoja, M. Decunto

Absent Board Members (Excused): J. Montero, T. Jimenez, M. Decunto,

Staff Present: J. Lacayo

Guests: Marivi Wright (The Players Center for Child Health at Wolfsons) & Tyler Patterson & Maria Kellerman with General Electric.

Welcome: 9:01AM Meeting was called to order by Rafael Caldera. A quorum was confirmed. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance: Led by E. Pantoja.

Minutes Approval – The minutes for May 10th motion A, second E. Pantoja. Motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal and Executive Updates

About \$1,090 in the account. Administration will not allow MHAAB to utilize emails provided by the City but can use the general email. The website has the update of board members (7 current board members). There are four openings for the board. J. Montero has access to the Facebook page (J. Lacayo).

Committee Reports

Health and Public Safety

Mayo Clinic will be hosting a second breakfast for Hispanic church leaders who have partnered with Mayo on July 15th at 9:00AM. Currently have 8 pastors who have accepted the invitation (E. Pantoja). Further discussion about other churches that could be invited as well as employees of the City of Jacksonville (R. Caldera, J. Lacayo).

Education

Promoted City of Jacksonville Facebook Page (MHAAB) at Webster University New Student Orientation on May 30th as well as distributed La Guilla. Navy

College Offices will be closing throughout the country next Summer (C. Echeverry).

Economic and Faith Based

N/A

Hispanic Leadership Awards

First Coast Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Categories include lifetime achievement and business (R. Caldera). In the past, MHAAB has participated with the event along with the support of the Mayor. In the March meeting, a subcommittee was created by J. Montero and T. Jimenez. A. Burst was appointed to help with the subcommittee by R. Caldera. T. Jimenez gave notice of stepping down from the subcommittee on June 6th in writing due to differences of vision of execution. A. Burst asked if J. Montero has attended a board meeting recently. J. Lacayo mentioned that the last meeting he attended was March. The event can still happen with 3 months remaining but have very few board members. Maria Kellerman helped with ATD and offered to help with Hispanic Leadership Awards this year. It was recommended that we only move forward with the support of the Mayor's Office (R. Caldera). M. Kellerman worked with ATD last year through the FCHHC. Has experience organizing events for over 1,000 attendees on various occasions. C. Echeverry will draft a formal letter to Chief of Staff (Kerri Steward) to submit to the board for approval to offer event for middle of October asking for support for Mayor's Hispanic Leadership Awards. A press release must also be written by the City of Jacksonville. It was recommended that Eco Latino be involved but recently went out of business (M. Kellerman). The board has decided to help organize the event with A. Burst as the leader of the subcommittee (R. Caldera).

Achieving the Dream

MHAAB received a letter asking for participation of MHAAB with ATD. C. Echeverry and A. Burst will be participating but may not be representing MHAAB. ATD leaders are still working on the details of the event. MHAAB has participated with the selection of those awardees. The event this year will not be a gala, which means no head table (R. Caldera). The application deadline has been extended for the applications (A. Burst).

8/1/16 Just one QUICK correction, the ATD Event IS A GALA, the minutes state otherwise. (A. Burst)

Old Business

It is imperative to hold a community partnership meeting. This year we were unable to do so due to the size of the board. This would be a bridge to reach other Hispanic organizations. We do not have to be the leader for the event but need to support it (R. Caldera). Betzy Santiago gave a list of organizations involved in a format that can be broadcasted in an email (A. Burst). Our main focus is on the Hispanic Leadership Awards this year and do not have the resources to focus on the Committee Partnership Committee (R. Caldera).

New Business

We have a problem regarding attendance with board members. We barely met quorum today. One of our board members has missed 3 consecutive meeting which equals to 50% this year so far. When one's work schedule interferes with attending MHAAB meetings, it is not an excuse to miss MHAAB meetings (R. Caldera). If members cannot meet during meetings, they should step off the board. There should be a combined effort to attend (A. Burst). Members should attend MHAAB meetings in order to be an active member of the board. Those who consistently miss meetings directly affect the progress of the board (C. Echeverry). The bylaws were read by R. Caldera pertaining to board attendance. E. Pantoja is committed to MHAAB but on occasion must miss a meeting due to her work schedule. She does agree that excessive absence of MHAAB meetings is not acceptable. R. Caldera received emails from members giving notice of not being able to attend. He attempted to reach T. Jimenez yesterday with no response. Marivi Wright (guest) asked what is required to serve on the board and process was described by R. Caldera.

Public Comments

Marivi Wright introduced herself and is focused on health education for the Hispanic Community. She offered help with organizing events as well such as the Hispanic Leadership Awards. She wanted to learn about MHAAB, what the board is trying to achieve and how we can serve the Hispanic community.

Meeting Adjourned by Chairman Caldera at 9:51AM:

Meeting Minutes Submitted by: C. Echeverry 6/14/2016 Next meeting will be on July 12th at 9:00AM at City Hall. Meeting minutes approved 7/20/2014