

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

**Date: September 10, 2013 at 9:00 am**

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

**Staff Present:** Ana Andreu

**Welcome:** Paul called the meeting to order. It was noted that Victor has been unable to attend two meetings in a row. Paul requested that a letter be drafted to determine his commitment. Paul announced to the Board that he has accepted the position of Director of Intra Governmental Services with the City, therefore he is unable to continue to serve as the Board's chair. His term will end effective September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Minutes Approval** – The minutes from the June, July and August meetings were approved with changes.

### **Fiscal Update**

- The ATD check is in the works, Ana will follow up.
- Account Balances:
  - Mailroom: \$6.00 – no expenses
  - Miscellaneous Services and Charges: \$ 1777.00 – no expenses
  - Trust fund: \$1745.45 – no expenses

### **HLA Update**

- Award was quoted and chosen from Awards Unlimited. A quote will be requested from Holmes as a backup to ensure that the awards are completed on time for the ceremony.
- We have received 6 nominations to date. The members must help with pushing the community to get more nominations.
- Carmen suggested obtaining a sponsor to help with paying for the award. Paul suggested that the sponsoring could be for the refreshments for the event.

### **Es Mi Vida – Expo**

- The Expo will take place on October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Celebration Church Annex Campus. The Mayor would like for MHAAB to have a booth. Ana will send out an e-mail to sign up to man the booth. The times are 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Health, Education, Public Safety**
  - Riverside is slotted to be the first fully bilingual school.
  - Yvonne has a meeting on 9/11/13 to follow up on the possibility of starting bilingual VPK.
- **Faith Based, Cultural, Special Events**
  - Attended LULAC meeting. At this meeting there were several Faith Base leaders discussing issues regarding violence in our community. Also, Duval County's Supervisor of Elections, Jerry Holland attended the meeting to discuss the importance of the Hispanic participation in voting and to tell us about his office and assistance that are available for the Hispanic Community.
  - Attended meeting at Bishop Lawrence Hall Church. This meeting was regarding violence issues in the Jacksonville Community. Ex-councilwoman Glorious Johnson and JSO Sheriff John Rutherford also attended this meeting to discuss this issue and what the sheriff office is doing to help resolve this problem.
  - Attended a meeting with JTA regarding minority participation and doing business with JTA.
  - Attended several churches in the Beaches area to let them know about MHAAB.

- At Catholic Charities they have a multi-cultural center where everyone is invited. They have noted that there is a need for a list of businesses that will hire individuals that are not fully bilingual.
- **Government Relations, Public Relations, Business**
  - Some of our board members have been corresponding with the Mayor's Asian American Advisory Board (MAAAB), they are our sister board and we would like to join our efforts. Rafael and Patty will follow up to invite them to our meeting. They want for MHAAB to join them in their Community Leadership Forum.

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

- Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am there will be a press conference to kickoff Hispanic Heritage Month. The press conference will be at City Hall in the Atrium.
- Also Friday, there is a conference call scheduled at 10:30 to discuss the HLA.
- The Board will have an extraordinary meeting to discuss the subcommittee nominations for the HLA.

**Next Meeting**

Next Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting will be on 10/8/13 at 9:00 a.m.

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