

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

**Date: August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 9:00 am**

**Board Members Present:** J. Montero, C. Mantay, R. Caldera, I. Gropper, A. Burst, C. Echeverry

**Absent Board Members:** M. Decunto, J. Bonafante

**Staff Present:** None

**Guests:** Elizabeth Pantoja- Mayo Clinic and Ed Perez

- I. Welcome:** 9:05 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Gropper. A quorum was confirmed.
- II. Minutes Approval** – The Minutes for July 14, 2015 were approved. (R. Caldera motion, J. Montero second)
- III. Fiscal and Executive Updates.** – No Change since last meeting. There is \$ 889.95 in the Trust Fund. (I. Gropper). Chair Gropper and R. Caldera met with Dr. Gaffney to discuss the two vacancies on the board and the liaison situation. Also, briefly discussed was the Hispanic Leadership Award.
- IV. Committee Reports:**
  - a. Health & Public Safety.** No update
  - b. Education.** C. Echeverry talked about the STEM initiative. Achieving the Dream has 13 recipients and the luncheon will be on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015. There is a table reserved for the MHAAB. C. Echeverry will send an email to board members to confirm attendance for the event.  
J. Montero met with the Education Board regarding the testing mental wellness on low-income children. J. Montero attended the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Voting Right Act in the Main Library.
  - c. Economic & Faith Based.** No update.
  - d. FCHCC Liaison.** J. Montero reconfirmed that a table is reserved for the MHAAB at the ATD Luncheon. Maribel Hernandez is requesting a meeting with the new City administration.
  - e. Community Partnership Meeting.** A. Burst expressed her concern regarding the absence of Betzy Santiago. Chair Gropper and A. Burst recommended keeping the Community Partnership Meeting on the Agenda.
- V. New Business** – Chair Gropper announced J. Rodriguez's resignation. With the absence of Patty Solo-Josephson and Victor Pacheco, MHAAB now has 8 active board members out of a complete board of 11. Chair Gropper clarified that five (5) board members are needed for quorum. Chair Gropper recommended reaching more people interested in becoming a board member. Ideally two board members would come from the Sheriff's Office and the Health Sector to be part of the Health and Safety Committee. Chair Gropper reminded the Board about the process for nominations and election of the next Chair at the September meeting.
- VI. Old Business** – Hispanic Leadership Award. Chair Gropper has contacted the Chief of Staff to discuss the Mayor's Office support of this event.  
C. Echeverry reminded the board about the Table Cloth. Chair Gropper recommends having this item donated. A. Burst will look into a vendor where the table cloth may be purchased at a discount.

C. Mantay announced her resignation to the Board effective September; however, she is willing to stay until a replacement is found.

**Guest Speakers** – Elizabeth Pantoja from Mayo Clinic and Ed Perez discussed Mayo’s initiatives in researching health disparities among the Hispanic Community and asked that the Board connect them with groups or individuals where they may speak.

**VII. Public Concerns** – None

**VIII. Reminders** –

- a. Next meeting – September 8<sup>th</sup> 9-10:30 am City Hall 4<sup>th</sup> Floor
- b. Service Hours
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Due October 1st

Minutes Prepared by: Rafael Caldera, Vice Chair  
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