

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

**Date: November 5th 2014 at 9:00 am**

**Board Members Present:** Ida Gropper, Rafael Caldera, Alicia Burst, Carmen Mantay, Judith Rodriguez, Mario Decunto, Cristina Echeverry.

**Excused Board Members:** Victor Pacheco, Patricia Solo-Josephson, Jesus Montero

**Unexcused Board Members:** None

**Staff Present:** Ana Andreu

**Guests:** Maira Martelo

**Welcome:** Meeting was called to order by Chair, Ida Gropper. A quorum was confirmed.

**Minutes Approval –** The minutes from the October meeting were approved with corrections.

### **Fiscal and Executive Updates**

#### **Committee Reports**

- **Health, & Public Safety**
  - No updates
- **Education**
  - No updates
- **Economic and Faith Based**
  - No updates

#### **Hispanic Leadership Awards**

- The website needs to be worked on to get rid of all the issues.
- Need a board member to volunteer to be chair of the subcommittee next year.
- During the event, there was a need for a greeter at the atrium to guide the guests.
- There needs to be a bigger promotion of the nominations.

#### **Hispanic Expo**

- During the morning the Expo was well attended.
- The location could have been more centralized or at a better known place.
- Ana is putting together a toolkit of services that the City offers that would assist the Hispanic community. This toolkit will be used for community events and will include flyers that can be distributed by the Board.
- Rafael suggested reaching out to local agencies and businesses that are not connected with the City (i.e. JEA, Duval Health Department, etc.) to partner with MHAAB during the Expo and other community events. These events are organized by Special Events, and the Board would need to collaborate with them before issuing invitations, etc. A suggestion was made that we reach out to Betzy for this list as it already exists. It was also suggested that we provide event participants with a way to communicate with the Mayor's office by providing a form that can be collected and forwarded to the Mayor.

#### **New Business**

- Ana will present to the Board during the January retreat on services offered by the City and navigating the website.

- Ana and Ida have been invited to participate in a Board/Commission roundtable on November 21. Committees are asked to send Ida 2 bulleted for 2014 completed projects and 2 bulleted items for 2015 goals.
- There was discussion about volunteers helping to accomplish Board goals. Volunteers are welcome to assist the Board and invited to Board meetings; however, they are not Board members and would not be able to actively participate in Board meetings or vote.
- Maira Martelo from the Jacksonville Public Education Fund presented on a pilot project for support of Hispanic Children that is sponsored by the Florida Institute of Education, the Early Learning Coalition, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Local Churches. Maira is requesting financial assistance and volunteer participation from the Board.
- The Annual ONE by ONE Convention hosted by the Jacksonville Public Education Fund will be held Saturday, January 31 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 10:25 am

**Next Meeting**

Next Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting will be on 12/9/14 at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Ana Andreu.