

Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: December 10th, 2013 at 9:00 am

Board Members Present: Patricia Solo-Josephson, Ida Gropper, Rafael Caldera, Alicia Burst, Javier Garcia, Jesús Montero, Victor Pacheco, Yvonne Shaffer, Mario Decunto

Board Members Not Present: Carmen Mantay

Staff Present: None

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 November meeting were approved unanimously with Corrections.

Committee Reports

- **Health, Education, Public Safety**

- Education – Board Member Shaffer will meet with Dr. Bennett from UNF and discuss the possibilities for partnership between the UNF EPI, ESOL & MHAAB. A Brochure of the program from UNF EPI was presented to the Board.
- Public Safety – Board Member Pacheco attended a meeting in the Mexican Consulate in behalf of the MHAAB and one of the discussion Topics were the Immigrants living in Florida and the possibility to obtain benefits.

- **Faith Based, Cultural, Special Events**

- Faith Based – Board Member Montero participated in two events on behalf of the MHAAB. The first event was a Fun Run 5K. Pastor Windy Chaleka created awareness of more than 1.6 million people are infected with HIV in Zimbabwe. The second even was a Men's Conference. That event was created only for men. Personal, Financial and other topics were discussed. Over 100 men participate on the event.
- Special Events – Board Member Garcia attended two events on behalf the MHAAB. Stop the Violence and the Mayor's Open House.

- **Government Relations, Public Relations, Business**

- Business – Board Members Burst and Caldera has been working with the three Chambers of Commerce to create a strategic plan for 2014. The MHAAB is acting as a facilitator during the conversations.

Correspondence to and From the Mayor's Office

- None

Next Meeting

Next Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting will be on 01/24/14 at 9:00 a.m. This meeting is a Special Retreat.

Minutes Prepared by: Rafael Caldera, Board Member.