**Mayor’s Hispanic American Advisory Board**

**Tuesday, December 19th, 2023, 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM**

**City Hall St James / 117 W. Duval Street / 2nd Floor, Suite 205**

**Minutes**

* **Call to Order** – Chair Jose Morales
* **Welcome and Introduction**
  + Board members present: Miguel DiPierri, Dr. Carmen Martinez, Jose Morales, Zergihno Roell Garcia, Aida Seeraj, and Martha Torres
  + COJ Staff Present: Kara Tucker and Tereese Goodloe
  + Guest Present: Anamaria Contreras from Jax Chamber Office, and Nicole Landa community Engagement Coordinator for the Hispanic Community at Mayo Clinic
  + Discussed Quorum need 6 members, and board members not in attendance
* **Public Comments** – Speaker Cards
  + Nicole Landa – new at the Ed Ball Building and welcoming all community members to come and see what we’re doing
  + Validation for parking
* **Membership Applications –** submit resumes to Kara
  + Anamaria Contreras interested in being on the board.
  + YaYa applied to become a board member (application still under consideration)
* **Yearly Reports (due by next meeting)**
  + Do a short narrative and send over
  + Some things we did
    1. Three Fairs:
       1. Health Fair (Aida will write up)
       2. Employment Fair (Jose will write up)
       3. Public Safety Fair (Jose will write up)
* I heart Radio
* JTA, JSO, Supervisor of Elections, JFRD
* EPC-Emergency Preparedness Council
* Education – Backpack give away
* **Election of Chair & Vice Chair**
  + Need Quorum to vote
* **Events**
  + Hispanic Heritage Month – do something with the support of the City.
  + Bring back scholarships and Awards to do in that week, a week of service thing
  + January week of service for MLK, each council member to host a meeting – open up a Town Hall to discuss like study circle or community conversations
  + January 13th (Saturday) 10am-1pm *Inspire to Rise* hosting a Westside Wellness block party would like for Hispanic Board to have a table there
  + Next Career Fair for the City is April 9th, 2024
* **New Business**
  + MLK Service week posted on City website and United Way website
  + Dr. Ahmed new Diversity Chief would like him to come to the January meeting.
  + Miguel spoke about Old/New Business: getting some type of ID Badge
  + Inspire Community Podcast – encouraging Board members to come on
  + Jose suggested to Martha to start a sub-committee for Faith
* **Old Business**
  + Meeting with Garrett,
    1. 3 vacant seats to be filled ASAP per Chair, 4th seat if DeMika is off, sending attendance letter today. Jose out 2024 – 5th seat
    2. Asked about Administration developing Outreach Position for Spanish Community
       1. Communication is issue reason for Outreach Positon
    3. Discussed with Garrett what he wants to see from the Board and he would like us to focus and target Employment as one of our goals for the year
  + Meeting places - hard to push to meet in Mayor’s office if we do not have Quorum.
  + World of Nations in February 2024 – table for free in Non-Profit area. Request to do presentations.
  + Jose recommend we do not do our first board meeting until we have 3 new board members
    1. Kara will call or email once new members approved
  + Jose moved to have meetings in office at 12:00pm (lunchtime), out in the community 6:00pm-8:00pm
  + Jose moved to have Sub-Committee meetings once every 2 months
  + Hoping to have at least 2 business people added to board.
  + Jose spoke about bringing back Fund Raising, Scholarships, end of year Awards
  + International Unit being a part of Ad Hoc and FSCJ for English as 2nd Language. Add Mayo and the Chamber as Ad Hoc
* **Education** – Kara will reach out to FSCJ to see about English as a 2nd Language
* **Adjourn Meeting** – Chair Jose Morales

Chair: Jose Morales

Vice Chair: Vacant

**Disabled Services Division**

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