**Mayor’s Hispanic American Advisory Meeting**

*Mission: “The main purpose of the Board is to advocate on behalf of the Hispanic American Community and to provide a means by which the City may obtain information, guidance and advice on the issues facing the Hispanic American Community.”*

**January 16, 2024 MHAAB Meeting Minutes**

* **Call to Order –** Jose Morales
* **Welcome and Introduction – Members Present:** Jorge Lopez, Jose Marales, Zergihno Roell Garcia, and Aida Seeraj

**Members Absent:** Miguel DiPierri, Demika Jackson (emailed), Dr. Carmen Martinez (emailed), and Martha Torres

**Guest Sign-in:** David Manjarres-Principal Financial Group, [manjarres.david@principal.com](mailto:manjarres.david@principal.com), Anamaria Contreras-Jax Chambers, and Nicole Landa-Mayo

* **Public Comment** – Speaker Cards
  + David (Principal Financial Group) Looking forward to seeing what the board does, has interest in having a seat in near future with the board, think there should be a bigger focus on the young Hispanics of the city hope to be a relay of the message of what you guys are doing to the young Hispanics. Served on the Hispanic Heritage month board in 2021 at UNF.
* **Approval of Minutes from 12/2023 - No Quorum (postponed)**
* **Meeting Schedule (Dates/Time/Location)** 
  + 8 meetings here at 12:00pm,
  + 3 meetings outside in community.
    1. Jorge will volunteer and promote on radio.
       1. Health will definitely be one of the 3
          - Aida will take lead on lining up vendors and speakers,
          - Need dates and locations.

Jose suggest doing at Aida’s place, Aida agreed and recapped on Westside Wellness Event.

May – Aida will check on.

* **Old Business**
  + 2023 Year Report – Submit information for report.
  + Attendance – **No Quorum (postponed)**
  + New Members (update) **(postponed)**
  + Election of Chair & Vice Chair (Quorum) - **No Quorum (postponed)**
  + Goals for 2024 –
* Employment: How to do business with the City and Careers **(twice)**
  + - Hiring Hispanics in HR – something the board would like to see.
    - Over 12% Spanish population working in community, Jorge will pull some data and send to Jose.
    - Right now 6% of Hispanics working with the City – goal is 12%
* Meeting with Mayor:
  + - What goals we’ve set.
    - Need to pick a day and what to discuss (wait until full quorum).
    - Mayor’s priorities are health, equality, public safety.
* Hispanic Heritage Month Planning: (between the months of Sept & Oct)
  + - Do a week (like MLK week of Service) in conjunction with the Chambers and the steak holders.
    - City involvement/City to help out with exposure.
    - Be involved to spread the word.
* Health Fair – Access to Health:
  + - April=Sexual Assault & Victim Advocates Week.
    - April=Mental Health Awareness/Mental Health First Aid or Suicide Awareness (Free trainings).
    - August=Overdose Awareness.
    - October=Breast Cancer Awareness.
* Public Safety
  + Sub-Committee’s
* Do we want to keep?
  + - Aida suggest: need an active Board.
  + Presenters
* Official invite (Letter) for Raul Aries in March.
* Dr. Ahmed in February.
* **New Business**
  + FSCJ: English as a 2nd Language.
  + Mayo
  + Chamber
* **Events –** 
  + Have to pick 3 events in Community:

1. Caesar Chavez-Big Event/Friday, March 29th/host at City Hall-Atrium/Kara will check availability.
   * Invite Ahmid next month’s meeting/help with the planning of Caesar Chavez.
2. Employment Initiative/next career fair-April 9th
   * City hiring a Spanish Outreach person.
   * Approved by the administration but no updated news on.
3. World of Nations-
   * Kara trying to get secured to talk for 3minutes to the whole audience.

* **MLK Week of Service** [MLK Week of Service - United Way Northeast Florida (unitedwaynefl.org)](https://unitedwaynefl.org/mlk/)
* **Hispanic Heritage Month 2024** – September 15th – October 15th
  + Each Council Member host a meeting (opportunity);
    - * + Supporting
        + Participating
        + Develop Relationship with Council person
  + Disability Week
  + Fund Raisers, Scholarships, End of Year Awards
  + Flyer – will keep-do not change.
  + Website – update.
* **Adjourn Meeting - chair**

Chair: Jose Morales

**Disabled Services Division**

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