MINUTES BLACK AFFAIRS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

May 1, 2013

Chaired by: Gerri Lazarre

Board Members Present: Dannie McMillon; Edgar Wright; Ronald Mumford; Gerri Lazarre; Jihad

Rashid, D.J. Fabien.

Excused Absences: Stephen Hunter Johnson; Priscilla Dames-Blake; Tracey Bowen-Bell

Unexcused Absences: None Staff: Retha Boone-Fve

Guests: Raul Alvarez & Ayana Harris (Federal Department of Justice)

Quorum: Yes

The meeting was called to order at 10:13 a.m. with Mr. Mumford providing the inspirational message. Since Ms. Dames-Blake was not feeling well, Ms. Lazarre as Secretary in Mr. Hunter Johnson's absence chaired the meeting. Since we had quorum, Mr. Fabien moved and Mr. Mumford seconded the approval of the agenda. It was passed with no objections.

Following introductions to our visitors, Ms. Lazarre requested the Program Officer's report. Program Officer's Report:

Ms. Boone-Fye asked all members to fill our Financial Disclosure statements if they had not already done so projects and informed members that there were several administrative issues that had to be taken care of such as attendance records; appointments; financial disclosures, etc. The MD-CRT is still in the works and should be implemented before September; the BAAB membership is still on hold pending background checks on several applicants; the Disparity Studies for both Miami-Dade Public Schools and Miami-Dade County continue to be underway. The collaboration between MDEAT and the BAAB is still ongoing with the Black World Guide scheduled to be completed by the end of August which will include the Targeted Urban Areas to be provided by MDEAT staff. Mr. Rashid reiterated his desire to work on the project since he has some experience in the area. Some discussion ensued regarding the upcoming Urban Beach Weekend and how the board can be more effective in helping with the safety issues.

Following the Program Officer's report committee reports were given.

Black Heritage Planning Committee: Mr. Wright reported that the contract for the 13th Annual Pillars event had been signed and that a deposit would be made for the venue which is the Marriott Courtyard Coconut Grove. He also reported that the committee was in the process of selecting this year's honorees and that the board needed to approve disbursements for the event by Ms. Boone-Fye in support of the event. Mr. Fabien moved and Mr. Wright seconded. It passed with no objections. He also introduced a project for next year's Black History Month called a "Passport to Africa" which was discussed during a meeting with Mr. Fulton. Ms. Boone-Fye will prepare a draft document for the next meeting and Mr. Fulton will share the concept with Commissioner Souto.

Education: Ms. McMillon provided a detailed written report and emphasized that we should keep abreast of the School Bond issue to make sure that the schools in all districts are treated fairly in terms of opportunities and amenities.

Health Care: Ms. Boone-Fye is working with a representative from VITAS to hold a Village Dialogue in September.

Housing: Mr. Mumford indicated that he is still working with NACA and other housing related community entities.

Economic Development: In Mr. Hunter Johnson's absence, Ms. Boone-Fye gave an update on the Ola Condo and NE 6th Avenue corridor situation. Essentially, Mr. Hunter Johnson moderated a community forum which was attended by the Mayor of North Miami and its Police Chief as well as a representative from Commissioner Monestime's office and the Miami-Dade Police Intracoastal Unit. He also held a Legal Clinic in Liberty City late last month and he intends to do another one in the near future.

Budget and Finance: Ms. Lazarre presented a detailed written report (attached) and reaffirmed her commitment to make sure the BAAB finances were kept updated.

Social Media & Marketing: Some discussion centered around combining the two committees and Mr. Mumford and Ms. Bowen-Bell would assume leadership of the combined committees.

Legislative: (vacant)

HAERC Update: Mr. Fabien informed the board that he continues to monitor the progress of the reconstruction effort in Haiti and is planning to travel to Haiti within the next few months.

New Business: some discussion centered around the board attending "Memphis" at the Arsht Center. Old Business: Ms. Boone-Fye will solicit proposals for polo shirts for the Board and present at the next meeting.

With all business being concluded, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.