

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE CHAIR
HISPANIC AFFAIRS ADVISORY BOARD
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 11, 2013
6:00 PM

CUBAOCHO ART & RESEARCH CENTER
1465 SW 8 ST.
MIAMI, FLORIDA

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Magali Abad
Lyse Cuellar-Vidal
Christina F. Gomez-Pina
Jorge N. Iglesias
Edilfa E. Perez
Armando Rodriguez
Vivian Rosado

EXCUSED:

Xiomara Casado
Abbie B. Cuellar
Yvelice Gonzalez
Felipe Villaraus

HAAB Chairwoman Lyse Cuellar-Vidal opened the meeting at 6:15 p.m. She welcomed and thanked the members for attending the meeting. She apologized for not having been able to attend the May 14th, 2013 Meeting due to health reasons. The meeting was held at Cubaocho Art & Research Center 1465 SW 8 St., Miami, Florida.

She asked HAAB Members to review the meeting agenda and the May Meeting Minutes and to make a motion to approve them.

Board Member Jorge Iglesias moved to approve the meeting agenda. HAAB Member Magali Abad seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Board Member Edilfa Perez moved to approve the May 14th, 2013 Meeting Minutes. HAAB Member Vivian Rosado seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Board Chairwoman Lyse Cuellar-Vidal explained that before she proceeded with the meeting agenda, she would like to remind HAAB Members that the July 9th meeting will be Director Maria Lazo's last meeting. Her official retirement date is July 31, 2013. It is obvious that the person that will be replacing Ms. Lazo hasn't been selected or hired as promised by Office of Community Advocacy Director Rene

Diaz. We need to make sure that the person who replaces Ms. Lazo is a professional with lots of knowledge of the Hispanic community. She believed that the proper person to fill the position should be HAAB Member Magali Abad. She is well qualified to work with the board. She has lots of experience working with the boards and the constituents, she has a good network of community contacts and she is involved in all the HAAB ongoing projects. If they hire her, the transition will be smooth. Though, we will miss Maria Lazo who has been an outstanding director. She is a true professional and a charismatic individual. We are sure that Maria will not forget us and that she will surprise us at the board meeting.

She informed HAAB Members that she would like to host the July 9th Meeting at a restaurant, to do something special for Maria Lazo.

HAAB Members agreed with Chairwoman Lyse Cuellar-Vidal on doing something special for Maria. Some members explained that they were going to be out of town on July 9th and that they will like to change the date of the meeting, so that they could join Maria's special meeting/celebration.

HAAB Members decided to change the meeting to Tuesday, July 16, 2013 to a place that they will select later on at the end of the meeting. They asked Chairwoman Vidal-Cuellar to follow the agenda, so that after the meeting, they could have a little meeting and plan a surprise for Maria.

HAAB Chairwoman Lyse Cuellar-Vidal asked HAAB Members to provide the committees report.

Committees Report:

HAAB Outreach Committee:

Committee Chairwoman Magali Abad informed HAAB Members that she and Board Director Maria Lazo met with Ms. Liliam Lopez, President/CEO South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to discuss the possibility of hosting a luncheon/panel this year again.

Ms. Lopez informed us that the Chamber Members were very happy with the 2012 Luncheon/panel that they hosted together with the Hispanic Affairs Advisory Board. They wanted to partner with HAAB this year again to host another one.

Therefore, it was agreed that HAAB and the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a luncheon/Forum on Friday, September 27th, 2013, at the Double Tree Miami Airport Convention Center, 12 Noon to 2:00 p.m. The Forum Topic will be the Obama Care Plan and how it will affect the small business.

There is a possibility that Telemundo Channel 51 become a partner too. They will do PSAs and will provide the Forum Moderator. This year the Moderator could be Ambrosio Hernandez. Telemundo will also cover the event and televise a briefing at their Telemundo News Cast at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Lopez left on vacation and she will be back in town on June 27th. She will be calling a committee meeting and inviting Ms. Lopez to select the forum presenters and the Obama Care Plan part that they will be discussing.

HAAB Signature Committee:

Committee Chairperson Jorge Iglesias informed HAAB Members that the preliminary process for the Hispanic Art Expressions Exhibit 2013 is complete. He and Maria Lazo met with the committee to determine the details of the exhibits. They also met with the artists to invite them to participate this year again and to hear their views as it refers to the sites to host the exhibits.

We will be having a busy Hispanic Heritage Month Calendar. It will be a month and a half because we already have 6 events on the calendar. Starting with the opening event on September 19 or 20th to the end of October, HAAB will be hosting an event every Friday of the month of October and two Fridays of the month of September. The closing event will be on Friday, September 25, 2013. This year we will have a musical presentation at the opening and closing events. Board Member Magali Abad met with the director of the Coral Gables Museum and secure the first Friday of the Month of October to display the exhibit at the Coral Gables Museum. The museum extended the exhibit until Sunday, in other words the exhibit will stay the entire weekend.

Board Member Jorge Iglesias reminded the Signature Committee members that they need to get involved this year. It is very important that all members get involved to make sure that all the exhibits will be hosted with the most professionalism and order. The committee members need to monitor the process, because this year there will be a new director that lacks the experience and expertise that Maria Lazo has. It is very important to maintain the artists happy, so they keep participating on the project. It is a project that we must maintain because it has two purposes; to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and to enhance the board's relation with the cities and the intergroup, intercultural relation with the various groups in the Miami-Dade County Community.

Board Member Magali Abad informed HAAB Members that she will personally invite Mayor Cason, City of Coral Gables to attend the Coral Gables Museum Exhibit.

Old Business:

HAAB Director Maria Lazo informed HAAB Members that the interviews for the new board director will be conducted in June 17th and 18th. An interview panel will be formed to interview the candidates that Office Director Rene Diaz select from the applicant's list. The panel recommendations will be submitted to Mr. Diaz who in turned will discuss it with the BCC Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa. Chairwoman Sosa will select the best candidate to direct the board. Ms. Lazo will maintain all members informed regarding this matter.

New Business:

HAAB Members asked Board Director Maria Lazo to please leave immediately after the meeting is adjourned because they would like to discuss a plan referent to her retirement board celebration.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Maria Lazo
Recorder

