

Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board

Minutes – January 14, 2008

Present: Dee Nila-Basile, COA/CS; Jean Rhoades, Shalom Ministries; Mayra Johnson, Bardwell Elementary School; Ben Marravilla, Aurora Township; Art Velasquez, LULAC; Claudia Rubio, Hill Elementary School; Maria Albor, Harris Bank; Bea Torres, COA/HR; Liz DeLeon, COA/MOSE

Absent: Cynthia Hernandez, COA/AO; Angelita Greviskes; Joel Castillo, Unibanc Mortgage/NITCS; Zack Valle, COA/YS; Theresa Rosa-Jackson, Bridging the Gap/EAHS

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Attendance sheet passed around.
3. Minutes from December 10th passed, motion made by Dee to pass minutes; seconded by Maria.
4. **Committee Reports:**

A. Community Breakfast: (PLEASE SEE REPORT ATTACHED.)

Bea reported on the breakfast timeline/status up to date. Dee suggested (for lack of entertainment) that we ask Job to update his movie on AHHAB so that we could play it during the breakfast in place of a performance. Mayra said she was going to talk to Job about that. The board decided cookies from La Chicanita was a hit last year and was a nice touch. Art was going to talk to the owner to see if we could work out a deal again. 1,000 cookies, they donate half we pay for half. **The cookies would be picked up Thursday morning and taken to the MOSE office where the board members would come at any time available throughout the day to bag the cookies and label the bags for Friday.** Bea was going to purchase the bags/ties. Liz was going to work on the labels. Mayra was going to send the script for the Breakfast Committee to make the phone calls to the schools with winners to inform them about the event and what they will need, etc. Bea was asked to forward the list of the winners to all board members. **Bea will e-mail board members their responsibilities for the day of the breakfast a couple of days before the breakfast. Bea asked that the board members arrive to the breakfast Friday at 7am instead of 6:30am since we will work on the cookies the day before. As a board we decided that each member either have their organization pay for their ticket or we pay for it ourselves out of our own pocket instead of the boards budget.** Photographer, Mayra was going to talk to Bob Stevenson, took the pictures at El Dia. Mayra would take care of organizing the sponsor list so that we could split it up and start calling them about the event/their tickets, etc. Board decided that we should bring back the Pete Perez Bio and put copies on tables like we did a few years ago. We would like to have the Pete Perez picture and bio (in frame) to put next to the Pete Perez winner's photo. Plaques will be ordered for past board members and will be announced/presented at the breakfast.

5. **New Business:**

- Dee stated that four AHHAB Candidate forms have been filled out and submitted with resumes for membership on our board. Dee stated we could have 10 by our next meeting. Mayra is going to schedule a meeting with the Mayor to finalize the bylaws and have them passed.
- Sponsorship packets need to be worked on and mailed out by Feb. 1. Dee and Mayra (Sponsorship Committee) will get together to work on them.

6. **Next Meeting: February 11, 2008**

7. Motion to adjourn meeting: Art
Seconded by: Maria

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Minutes – February 11, 2008

Present: Dee Nila-Basile, COA/CS; Mayra Johnson, Bardwell Elementary School; Art Velasquez, LULAC; Claudia Rubio, Hill Elementary School; Bea Torres, COA/HR; Liz DeLeon, COA/MOSE; Zack Valle, COA/YS

Absent: Cynthia Hernandez, COA/AO; Angelita Greviskes; Joel Castillo, Unibanc Mortgage/NITCS; Theresa Rosa-Jackson, Bridging the Gap/EAHS; Jean Rhoades, Shalom; Maria Albor, Harris Bank Ministries; Ben Maravilla, Aurora Township

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Attendance sheet passed around.
3. Minutes from January 14th passed, motion made by Art to pass minutes; seconded by Claudia.

4. **Committee Reports:**

A. Community Breakfast: (Please see attachments – Committee Report & Financials)

Bea. stated she had to get thank you notes out to sponsors. Bea. made a few suggestions to look at for next years event. 1) Have board members arrive to the event earlier or set up the night before. 2) Thank you to all for your help (duties, stations, etc.). 3) Test mic before event make sure music is not too loud in case announcements need to be made, etc. 4) Cindy did an excellent job! 5) West Aurora nomination form came in last week. Make sure return address is on all information sent out to schools.

Liz asked Bea. to update all forms now to 2009 so that they are ready for next year. Add this step to the timeline so that it is done in the future. RSVP date, Monday before. Liz asked if we should get a few Waukee's for next year. Make sure we know what exactly (details) entertainers are brining. Raise price on ticket to \$14 for next year. Promote banquet hall in announcements, cards on tables, etc. to see if they will work a price with us. Guideline sheet for registration table and those working the table. There was brief discussion on the location. Brief discussion on nominations/recipients, having less recipients and giving them higher dollar amounts.

B. El Día De Los Niños:

Liz & committee will be meeting next week. Sponsor packet to be mailed 1st or 2nd week in January; we should try getting these ready for November and mailing them right away in January. We should designate a committee to work on this as well.

5. **New Business:**

- Sponsorship Packets – discussion held regarding some changes that were made. Mayra tabled it to meet with Liz.

- Bylaws – changed a little; Treasurer position was removed/changed to MOSE representative; terms staggered every two years; elections at same time of board members term. Look up original changes made by Ad Hoc Committee, send bylaws to all board members, request confirmation that they received them.
- Membership – Last week for any new members. Original members terms expire 03/31/08. We will request to be reappointed unless someone would like to step down from the board.
- Future Elections – Elections of Officers will take place on our monthly meeting of March. Please start thinking about who would best suit these positions (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary) and be ready to nominate for these positions in March.

6. **Next Meeting: March 10, 2008**

7. Motion to adjourn meeting: Bea.
Seconded by: Claudia

Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board

Minutes – February 18, 2008 (**Additional Meeting**)

Present: Dee Nila-Basile, COA/CS; Mayra Johnson, Bardwell Elementary School; Claudia Rubio, Hill Elementary School; Bea Torres, COA/HR; Liz DeLeon, COA/MOSE; Cynthia Hernandez, COA/AO; Angelita Greviskes; Joel Castillo, Unibanc Mortgage/NITCS; Theresa Rosa-Jackson, Bridging the Gap/EAHS; Jean Rhoades, Shalom

Absent: Maria Albor, Harris Bank Ministries; Ben Maravilla, Aurora Township; Art Velasquez, LULAC; Zack Valle, COA/YS

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Attendance sheet passed around.
3. Mayra gave her reasons for hosting this meeting; we have an event in 2 months – El Dia and an event in September – Fiesta. Due to only four members being present for the entire monthly meeting in February she decided it was necessary to have another meeting.

A. Bylaws:

Add Excused/Unexcused Absences verbiage. Mayra motioned that our bylaw additions read the change from “1/5 board members employed by the City of Aurora and 1/10 from any other organization” to “1/4 board members employed by the City of Aurora and 1/10 from any other organization. Aurora Public Library employees are not considered City of Aurora employees for this purpose only.” This motion was seconded by Theresa and Dee. All members in attendance voted for this motion. Mayra made another motion to ratify the existing bylaws to include “1/4 board members employed by the City of Aurora and 1/10 by any other organization. Aurora Public Library employees are not considered City of Aurora employees for this purpose only” and “Excused/Unexcused Absences Verbiage” seconded by Angie and Claudia. All members present were in favor. We would like to get these past the first Council meeting in March. Also, we would like to get our original members reappointed the first GO, COW, and Council meetings in March. (March 18th & 25th)

B. El Dia De Los Niños:

Mayra stated that instead of having a committee for each event she was going to have a Leader for each event and the board would team up to help run the entire event. Each board member would be designated an area to work in. Mayra distributed an information sheet naming each event, goals and objectives of the events, date/time/locations, and leaders.

Leader – Maria Albor

Stage/Performances – Joel and Bea.

Food Vendors – Theresa

Children’s Area Activities – Cindy, Claudia, Jean, Art, Ben

**Merchandise Vendors/Organizations – Dee and Angie
Volunteers – Mayra and Cindy**

For performances we discussed a Battle of the Bands, Marmion Academy does something like this every year. We would have to make sure it was structured/monitored. We would include high school age and below for this type of performance. Cindy mentioned having the exotic animals or head boppers out to perform. This has been a hit in the past at other events. Aurora's Got Talent – Arlene Hawks was another suggestion. Budget spent for stage last year was \$1,500. Joel and Bea. realized there is not much time. They would discuss it later and decide who they were going to have perform.

C. Fiesta De Luces:

There was discussion on FDL. Mayra stated that we did want to change the face a little on this event and gear it towards a more cultural event for families/adults rather than just for children like our El Dia Event. This is a big event and we need a lot of money to host it. The question came up as to having a beer garden at this event since it is more for families and we would like to cater to our adults as well as children. This alone would bring in a lot of money for our event and it would bring in a bigger crowd. Mayra asked the board to consider this question; do you want to have a "controlled" beer garden at our Fiesta de Luces Event? We would have to talk to Cheryl Vonhoff, City Clerk, regarding the Liquor License but we shouldn't have a problem. Mayra made the motion to have a "controlled" beer garden at our next Fiesta De Luces Event. Theresa and Joel seconded the motion. Eight (8) members were in favor, one (1) member voted opposed.

D. HHAB Meeting Dates & Times:

Mayra had all members suggest on paper other dates/times for our meetings. Mayra was going to look over responses made and bring it to the next meeting for discussion.

6. **Next Meeting: March 10, 2008**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BE PREPARED FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS –
CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY!!!**

7. Meeting Adjourned 7:00 p.m.

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Minutes – March 10, 2008

Present: Dee Nila-Basile, COA/CS; Mayra Johnson, Bardwell Elementary School; Claudia Rubio, Hill Elementary School; Bea Torres, COA/HR; Liz DeLeon, COA/MOSE; Cynthia Hernandez, COA/AO; Teresa Rosa-Jackson, Bridging the Gap/EAHS; Maria Albor, Harris Bank Ministries; Ben Maravilla, Aurora Township

Absent: Art Velasquez, LULAC; Zack Valle, COA/YS; Joel Castillo, Unibanc Mortgage/NITCS; Angelita Greviskes; Jean Rhoades, Shalom

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BE PREPARED FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS NEXT MEETING – CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY!!!

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Attendance sheet passed around.
3. Minutes from February 11th & 18th passed, motion made by Cindy to pass minutes; seconded by Claudia.

A. Community Breakfast: (attached)

Liz passed around the Event report which she sent to her superiors to finalize the event, details, budget, etc. Budget this year was \$3,000; total cost of event was \$7,006; ticket sales were \$3,910. Positive Highlights - \$9,000 in scholarships; Areas of Concern – cost of ticket, Dee suggested \$15 next year; increase dollar amounts for recipient scholarships so that we can all still fit in banquet hall. (\$1,000 to \$1,500) Teresa commented that the program was straight to the point, convenient for schools and time. **Pictures of students with the Mayor; students would like copies of these.** Finances spent on breakfast, \$3,100.

B. Budget: (attached)

Liz passed around the 2007 and 2008 financials and explained them.

C. El Dia De Los Niños:

Liz stated that GO was approved but it was not easy. Liz mentioned that we should consider attending these meetings as a board so that we can answer any questions/concerns the council may have regarding our event.

- Performances should be finalized by the end of this week (March 17th); April 4th last day if needed. Ben suggested Mariachiclown, presentation done in different parts of the country/state. National University of Mexico; Federacion Guanajatencia in Mexico; three performers, FREE or donation. Antonio Gazca from Dietrich School is in charge of booking them. 50 min. performances, Spanish only, not sure.
- Cindy handed out information on the different activities for the children's area. Talent show, arts & crafts, competitions, etc. Letter will go out to parents/participants for talent show, guidelines, etc.

-Dee talked about the Bookmobile wanting to be inside of the ATC rather than parked along the street, not a lot of traffic otherwise. Liz said yes only if they stay until 5pm. Also, \$75 for sand art (Sara) too high of a price. Board agreed we would make an exception for her this year but not next year/next event.

-Teresa mentioned that she had received a list of all city vendors and she looked over the one's that were at our event last year. The only one that is a maybe right now is Dick's Mini Donuts (he has another commitment). Sent form/contracts to Gallegos, Gourmet Pizza, MVM Enterprises, Reulands Teresa left a message for Jeff, Teca (Issues at Fiesta), US Food King. Bea asked that prices and menus be posted for the public to see. Mayra mentioned that they all bring their own first aide kits (everyone who attends).

D. Fiesta De Luces:

Cindy & Teresa have not met yet. Concert with featured artist; working on this with Public Art. Ben questioned the Beer Garden for Fiesta. There was a long discussion on the beer garden. All board members gave their opinions.

E. Sponsorship Packets:

Mayra has to make a few more changes to the packet sponsor list. Mayra will e-mail everyone on which ones to call/contact along with the phone script.

6. **Next Meeting: April 14, 2008**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BE PREPARED FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS –
CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY!!!**

7. Motion to adjourn meeting: Claudia
Seconded by: Teresa

Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board

Minutes – April 14, 2008

Present: Dee Nila-Basile, COA/CS; Mayra Johnson, Bardwell Elementary School; Claudia Rubio, Hill Elementary School; Bea Torres, COA/HR; Liz DeLeon, COA/MOSE; Cynthia Hernandez, COA/AO; Teresa Rosa-Jackson, Bridging the Gap/EAHS; Maria Albor, Harris Bank Ministries; Ben Maravilla, Aurora Township; Joel Castillo, Unibanc Mortgage/NITCS; Angelita Greviskes

Absent: Art Velasquez, LULAC; Zack Valle, COA/YS

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Visitors Welcome – Ray Prado, Maria Piceno, Joel ?, Saul ? all who would like to be considered for membership. Also, Norma ? from the Hispanic Chamber who came to observe.
3. Attendance sheet passed around.
4. Minutes from March 10th passed, motion made by Cindy to pass minutes; seconded by Claudia.

A. Fiesta De Luces:

Liz passed around a timeline last meeting which shows exactly what needs to be done and when. Nothing for March and April. Mayra is still working on the sponsorship list updating and adding information because there were a lot of changes to be made. Mayra anticipated it being ready in the next few months. Bea mentioned to Mayra that she could help her so that we could get this list updated sooner. Liz passed around a budget sheet again with new numbers. We will have to raise \$10,940 in order to spend \$6,000 for Fiesta De Luces (last year we spent \$22,000 on Fiesta).

B. El Dia De Los Niños:

Cindy spoke first on the children's area. She passed around a new sheet of information with all of the activities that will be going on. All that is left to do is the shopping which Liz and Cindy will be doing soon. Cindy read through the information she passed out. **Cindy mentioned that we are in need of talent show judges.** Bea asked how they would limit 20 children at each station? Cindy said there would just be 20 chairs so first come, first serve. Liz also mentioned to Cindy that maybe she should get coloring books for children to color during this time as well. Angie mentioned AFD, APD providing coloring books. Saul ? and Joel ? said they would look into getting these since they have contacts at these locations. Cindy stated that the volunteers for this area will be the wrestling team from Marmion.

Teresa spoke regarding the food vendors. Same as last year. One vendor of each type of food. The board wanted to make sure they post the prices for the public to see. Liz reminded Teresa to get the volunteer meal ticket info. together also.

Dee spoke regarding the merchant/organizations. There will be 14 different tents. The US postal service will be there possibly providing passports (entire process). Provena will be there as well giving blood pressure checks.

Mayra mentioned the volunteers for both the Children's Area and the event in general. They will be working on setting up the same schedule as in the past (breaks, lunches, etc.).

Bea and Joel spoke regarding the Main Stage area. Passed around a schedule of performers and times.

Mayra mentioned that as far as fliers, we will need to notify businesses around this area. Liz said Zack will probably need help with the overnight parking fliers the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before the event.

The board decided we would all meet again before the event Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at the MOSE office (Stolp and Downer) to make final arrangements, get the schedule, T-Shirts, etc. Everyone took rack cards and posters to pass out.

C. Elections:

Mayra and Bea shared a few words before starting the elections process.

Mayra started the process by opening the floor for nominations of the Chairman/President position.

Dee Basile nominated Teresa Rosa-Jackson. TR-J declined.

Maria Albor nominated Ben Maravilla. Ben accepted.

Dee Basile nominated Claudia Rubio. Claudia declined.

Dee Basile nominated Bea Torres. Bea declined.

Bea Torres nominated Cindy Hernandez. Cindy accepted.

Teresa Rosa-Jackson nominated Joel Castillo. Joel declined.

The board voted with ballots for the position of Chairman for Cindy Hernandez and Ben Maravilla. Liz DeLeon counted the ballots.

Cindy Hernandez had 7 votes. Congrats Cindy!

Ben Maravilla had 3 votes.

Mayra continued the process by opening the floor for nominations for the Vice Chairman/Vice President position.

Cindy Hernandez nominated Claudia Rubio. Claudia accepted.

Teresa Rosa-Jackson nominated Joel Castillo. Joel accepted.

Ben Maravilla nominated Maria Albor. Maria declined.

The board voted with ballots for the position of Vice Chairman/ Vice President for Claudia Rubio and Joel Castillo. Liz DeLeon counted the ballots.

Claudia Rubio had 6 votes. Congrats Claudia!

Joel Castillo had 4 votes.

Mayra continued the process by opening the floor for nominations for the Secretary position.

Bea Torres nominated Angie Greviskies. Angie declined.

Bea Torres nominated Dee Basile. Dee declined.

Bea Torres nominated Teresa Rosa-Jackson. Teresa declined.

Cindy Hernandez nominated Joel Castillo. Joel declined.

Angie Greviskies nominated Ben Maravilla. Ben declined.
Teresa Rosa Jackson made a motion that Bea Torres continue with the title/duties of secretary until the new board members were appointed and then at that point we revisit this nomination. Maria accepted the motion. Cindy seconded the motion. All board members present were in favor.

Mayra finished off by stating that the new Officers would take their positions when the meeting adjourned.

D. New Business/Misc. Info.:

Cindy invited the board to her graduation party which is taking place May 4th at 2:30pm at her house; 1740 Violet Ave. in Aurora.

Maria Piceno also announced Aurora Shalom Ministires' 5 B's BBQ Fundraiser and passed out a flier. May 9th at Bethany of Fox Valley UMC, 2200 Ridge Avenue, Aurora. Serving from 4:30pm – 6:30pm. Call 896-9522 for more information.

Bea asked Liz about the Women of Distinction Luncheon and our nomination of Juany Garza. There was brief discussion as to why we were nominating Juany again and not another one of our supporters (i.e. Alderman Hart-Burns). Mayra made a motion to nominate Juany on behalf of the Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board for the Women of Distinction Award Public Service / Volunteer/Community Service Category(ies). Angie seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Ben Maravilla wanted to nominate Scheketa Hart-Burns. Mayra asked Ben to have the information over the Liz or Dee before 3pm the next day (04-15-08). Once he submitted the paperwork we would make a motion for the board to accept submitting Alderman Hart-Burns' nomination as well.

The board decided we would all meet again before the event Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at the MOSE office (Stolp and Downer) to make final arrangements, get the schedule, T-Shirts, etc.

5. **Next Board Meeting: May 12, 2008**
6. Motion to adjourn meeting: Claudia
Seconded by: Teresa

Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board

Minutes – May 12, 2008

Present: Dee Nila-Basile, COA/CS; Mayra Johnson, Bardwell Elementary School; Claudia Rubio, Hill Elementary School; Bea Torres, COA/HR; Liz DeLeon, COA/MOSE; Cynthia Hernandez, COA/AO; Teresa Rosa-Jackson, Bridging the Gap/EAHS

Absent: Art Velasquez, LULAC; Zack Valle, COA/YS; Maria Albor, Harris Bank Ministries; Ben Maravilla, Aurora Township; Joel Castillo, Unibanc Mortgage/NITCS; Angelita Greviskes

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Attendance – Beatrice Torres
3. Minutes from April 14th passed, motion made by Mayra to pass minutes; seconded by Claudia.
4. Gina Moga from MOSE came to discuss the proposed budget cuts. Gina spoke regarding the Fiesta De Luces Event. There was discussion regarding the e-mail Cindy sent out. Gina stated that MOSE was asked to cut \$300,000 from their budget. She gave Dan Barreiro a list of proposed cuts. These proposals will have to go through the Mayor so this may not happen if he does not approve but Gina had to find where money could be cut and Fiesta was one of the many programs, events, etc. that was placed on the proposed list. Board members who were present asked questions and Gina answered all of them.
5. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. **El Dia De Los Niños:**

Cindy passed around a “Letter to the Editor” she called in after the event. As a board we all discussed our ups and downs of this event. Cindy will be informing us of what sponsors we should send our personalized thank you notes to; she will be splitting these up between all members.

5 Ups:
Sunshine, Organization of event, Attendance, Elected Officials Showing Support, Boxing Club Participation, Music (both sections), New Entertainment, Talent Show, Overall Kids Zone, Strong Volume, Thanks to sponsors, Food Vendors (one side and contracts)

5 Downs (& improvements):
All Improvements Link Back to 100% Board Participation, Arts & Crafts, Better Preparation for Event, Liaisons on schedule, Thank Yous to Sponsors (bottled water and someone designated), Letters to Sponsors who may not have attended event (thank you follow if rep. sent), Secure Our Area (port-o-potty)

B. Fiesta De Luces:

Teresa passed around Sub Committee Breakdowns for this event. Fiesta will be held on September 20th. There will be two "NEW" (big) sponsors assigned to each board member so that they can call them, meet them, and try to get a sponsorship out of them (i.e. Target, BP). Also, everyone is to bring in a \$100 contribution/sponsorship for the Fiesta event, either out of their pocket or from an outside organization/company or both if possible. Motion made by Mayra to accept that each board member is responsible for bringing in \$100.00 in contribution funds toward Fiesta De Luces 2008. Teresa seconded the motion. All members present were in favor.

6. New Business/Misc. Info.:

There was discussion held regarding board members attendance at meetings and at our events. Many board members expressed their concerns about our El Dia Event and the boards' commitment/responsibility in following the schedule passed out. Some board members did not attend, some did not follow the schedule and were not where they were supposed to be at all times and some board members left the event early. Cindy asked for suggestions on how to handle these absences from monthly meetings and events. Suggestions given were; **1) Pre-set a mandatory meeting date before the event and hand out schedules to all members. 2) Mail an absentee letter to each board member reminding them of the bylaws and informing them of how many meetings/events they have missed. 3) Remind everyone at next board meeting about the current bylaws and the future bylaws and have them sign off that they understand the responsibility of being on the board and the 100% commitment they must give.** Current bylaws state, "...miss three meetings...voluntary resignation..." There was brief discussion on evening meetings as well.

Cindy went on to discuss our mission. Cindy passed out our mission to everyone. She then went on to ask some questions regarding our mission and we are to bring back answers at our next meeting. 1) What does it mean? 2) What type of person can accomplish our mission? 3) What do we need to do to REALLY accomplish our mission?

Cindy mentioned that she spoke with Alisia regarding our new members. Now that we have gotten through El Dia and the Breakfast they should be coming up at the City Council meeting in the next month or so.

7. MANDATORY Next Board Meeting: June 9, 2008

8. Motion to adjourn meeting: Dee
Seconded by: Bea

Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board

Minutes – June 9, 2008

Present: Dee Nila-Basile, COA/CS; Mayra Johnson, Bardwell Elementary School; Claudia Rubio, Hill Elementary School; Bea Torres, COA/HR; Liz DeLeon, COA/MOSE; Cynthia Hernandez, COA/AO; Teresa Rosa-Jackson, Bridging the Gap/EAHS; Angelita Greviskes

Absent: Art Velasquez, LULAC; Zack Valle, COA/YS; Maria Albor, Harris Bank; Ben Maravilla, Aurora Township; Joel Castillo, Unibanc Mortgage/NITCS

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Attendance – Beatrice Torres
3. Minutes from May 12th passed, motion made by Mayra to pass minutes; seconded by Dee.
4. **Committee Reports:**

A. Fiesta De Luces:

Teresa passed around and discussed her Fiesta Chair Report (**attached**). Cindy asked all members for their 10 brainstormed ideas they were to bring to the table. Cindy asked all members to collaborate and brainstorm some ideas for our next meeting regarding marketing/promoting.

- Food Vendors
 - Hamburgers & Hotdogs – kids (cotton candy, corn, Dick’s Mini Donuts, snow cones, etc.)
 - Mexican Restaurants (more cultural restaurants/foods)
 - Hands on food (presentations)
 - Students cooking (from a university)
 - Bring in culinary chef (ex. like at Midwest Literary festival)
- Main Stage
 - Janet Mendoza
 - Jibarito Group (Asking for Puerto Rican Cultural Sponsorship)
 - Ballet Folklorico
 - St. Nick’s choral/Spanish rock
 - La Zafra
 - Salvador
 - Everardo Rey
 - Performers from World Music Festival/ Latin Music Festival – Chicago
 - Hispanic Fest (Melrose Park)
- Children’s Area
 - Parade of Nations
 - Learning Activity-Something to do with flags in country
 - Wall of Memories tie in with (Family Tree Activity-Who am I)
 - Making a Piñata- Read the making of a piñata

- Breaking a piñata every ½ hour for pre school – 6 years
- Mask Making tie in with face painting
- Library – Storytelling – Fairy Tales in Spanish/English
- Collaboration w/ LASO Students Aurora University (cross and yarn)
- Working w/ Rosie Martinez (WCC)
- Making percussion instruments; learning Latin rhythms
- Dance lesson
- Children’s Area Open From 2:00 – 4:30 on the day of the event
- Vendors/Organizations
 - Claudia would like to take a look at last years list
 - Colleges/Universities
 - Clubs – Scholarships
 - VNA/Aunt Martha’s
 - Post Office
 - Family Focus/Citizenship Applications- Anna Culver/Cynthia Gamboa
 - Breaking Free – Servando Ramos
 - Heartland Blood Center for a truck to donate blood
- Artist Area
 - Chicago Fire Soccer
 - Live artist Expo
 - Mural Boards/Public Paints
 - Recycled Area – Artist Create Art w/ recyclables
 - Dance Competition
 - Folk Dancers (Aztec)
 - Zambrano from the Cubs
 - Cultural Fashion Show
 - Parade of Nations
 - Solo Guitarist/Poetry Readings
 - Radio Station Broadcast (Pasion, Que Buena)

Liz mentioned that if we were going to promote going green we had to make sure we went fully green (i.e. food vendors recyclable materials only, etc.).

5. New Business/Misc. Info.:

Cindy went on to discuss each board member’s commitment. Cindy discussed the bylaws/resolution. She also discussed our mission and vision statements. **(All of these documents were sent to each board member via e-mail from Cindy.)** Cindy would like for all members to bring back to the meeting three goals as to what the mission/vision means to each of us. Three goals or three things we can do to fulfill our mission/vision. Cindy went on to take a board consensus on sending out a letter to some board members regarding board member absences and resignations as stated in the current bylaws.

Liz announced a HUGE sponsorship we are getting from Best Buy! They will also be able to provide volunteers to get things together before our event. By committing their volunteers we can get extra money.

Cindy shared with everyone a new logo for Fiesta. Although it was nice the board wanted to look into it more. More ideas brought back, make it more cultural to reach a larger target. Liz suggested looking into the Splendor Magazine to get some ideas. A list of Sponsors (**attached**) was handed out to all board members for them to make their contacts either by phone or an actual meeting (more personal). All members are to start making their contacts and also bring to the table two of their own. We should make contact by our next board meeting.

7. **Next Board Meeting: July 14, 2008**

8. Motion to adjourn meeting: Dee
Seconded by: Mayra
10:26am

Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board

Minutes – October 13, 2008

Present:

Dee Nila Basile, COA/CS

Diana Torres Hawken, CMAP

Mayra Johnson, Bardwell Elementary School

Lisa Morales, EAS Dist. 131

Maria Piceno, Aurora Shalom Ministries

Bea Torres, COA/HR

Liz DeLeon, COA/MOSE

Mary Garza, COA/ED

Cynthia Hernandez, COA/AO

Martin Medrano, Lomitas Real Estate

Hector Ochoa, Old Second National Bank

Claudia Rubio, Hill Elementary School

Tina Viglucci, Aurora Public Library

Absent:

Javier Burgos, Burgos & Associates

Saul Olivas, Sears

Zack Valle, COA/YS

Joel Gonzales, Office of John Cunningham

Teresa Rosa-Jackson, Bridging the Gap/EAHS

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Attendance – Beatrice Torres
3. Minutes from August 11th approved, motion made by Mayra to pass minutes; seconded by Diana.
Minutes from September 8th approved, motion made by Mayra to pass minutes; seconded by Diana. (Bea made two corrections to minutes; 1) Joel Gonzales was absent from the September 8th meeting. 2) The layout option we went with for Fiesta was Option 2 and not Option 1.)
4. Guest Speakers – Bob Earnstein & Robert Rodriguez, Rassussen College – spoke on behalf of the college. Gave us information about their programs and what they have to offer. Answered board member questions. Mr. Rodriguez will send more info. via e-mail.
5. HHAB – Positions
 - 1) Vacancies – Cindy discussed Teresa Rosa-Jackson’s membership and the previous voluntary resignation, appeal. The board members participated in a secret ballot as to if Teresa should remain on board as a board member or if her position should be considered vacant.
-Other vacancies – Maria Albor; Angie Greviskes; Ben Maravilla; Joel Castillo; Ray Prado. – All board members present voted for the “other vacancies” positions to be considered vacant.
 - 2) Press Release was discussed for new names to be submitted for future board member positions. 10 board members present voted yes; 2 voted no.
6. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. Fiesta De Luces:**
Cindy discussed the 5 ups/5downs. She passed out the suggestions that had come in and collected others to add to the list. Cindy stated we would close out

the report in November. There was brief discussion as to what media had arrived to the event. Cindy stated no one from the Beacon or Comcast present, but most all Hispanic media representatives were present or wrote a column on the event, Una Voz (unavoznews.com), Ultima's Noticias, Reflejos, Hoy. Cindy sent in a "Letter to the Editor" to the Beacon which posted 1-2 wks ago.

Also briefly discussed was the Esteban's Salsa Competition, there was no competition, it turned out to be a showcase. A dancer called Cindy to receive payment from the event but Cindy had them contact Esteban's as the agreement stated he would be paying them and not the board. It was part of the contract made between the COA – AHHAB and Esteban's.

B. Community Breakfast

Mayra discussed choosing a theme from last year. She believed we had created a list and was going to look into that. Keynote Speaker – Mayra suggested Mr. Iniguez, East Aurora High School teacher who recently went to China to compete in Paralympics. Mayra discussed the Keynote Speaker would speak for about 5 – 10 minutes on something inspirational for students now days. Mayra went on to state that this breakfast is not as big as El Dia/Fiesta and therefore small committees were not quite necessary however she would split up groups to handle various tasks that needed to be completed for the breakfast. There was a sign up given out to all members to sign up under the task they would like to work on. Mayra explained the timeline to all board members, the breakfast itself, the Pete Perez nomination/award, the Keynote Speaker, etc. as many of the new board members had not experienced our breakfast.

Diana suggested that an adult learner (i.e. parent/individual who returned to school) receive an award/scholarship or that such category be added.

Cindy Hernandez asked if all had received and read through the Proposed Scholarship Application.

Bea proposed, due to the time that had extended at the meeting (10:15 a.m.), that the new scholarship application proposal be held off until next year as we did not have time to discuss the new application. Cindy asked what members would want to meet at a later date to discuss the new application. 6 members voted to hold off until the following breakfast; 6 members voted to schedule an additional meeting to discuss the proposal.

C. El Dia De Los Ninos

Cindy announced that Claudia and Lisa were going to be the Committee Chairs for that event for 2009.

7. New Business/Misc. Info.:

Dee shared some information about Mexican Chicago – old photographs of our ancestors, etc. She would discuss again at our next meeting.

5. Next Board Meeting: November 10, 2008

6. Motion to adjourn meeting: Dee
Seconded by: Claudia
Meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board

Minutes – November 10, 2008

Present:

Dee Nila Basile, COA/CS; **Mary Garza**, COA/ED; **Diana Torres Hawken**, CMAP; **Cynthia Hernandez**, COA/AO; **Mayra Johnson**, Bardwell Elementary School; **Martin Medrano**, Lomitas Real Estate; **Lisa Morales**, EA Dist. 131; **Maria Piceno**, Aurora Shalom Ministries; **Claudia Rubio**, Hill Elementary School; **Bea Torres**, COA/HR; **Tina Viglucci**, Aurora Public Library; **Liz DeLeon**, COA/MOSE; **Javier Burgos**, Burgos & Associates; **Joel Gonzales**, Office of John Cunningham; **Saul Olivas**, Sears; **Teresa Rosa-Jackson**, Bridging the Gap/EAHS

Absent:

Hector Ochoa, Old Second National Bank; **Zack Valle**, COA/YS

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Attendance – Beatrice Torres
3. Minutes from October 13th approved, motion made by Mayra to pass minutes; seconded by Dee.
4. Election for Position of Secretary – Nominations – Mayra nominated Tina Viglucci; Tina accepted. All members present voted yes. (Bea. finished off taking notes for this meeting.)
5. Cindy updated the board on the silent vote for Teresa's position. 7 ayes to keep her on board and 3 nays.
6. **Committee Reports:**

A. Fiesta De Luces:

Cindy completed the list of all board member's 5 ups and 5 downs. The budget was also closed out for Fiesta. Cindy passed out a Board Member Summary sheet for this event.

B. Community Breakfast

Mayra passed out an information sheet which showed what was to be completed month by month. She added names next to each item so that board member's knew what they were in charge of. She wanted to make sure that the Magnet Academy – 4th graders from O'Donnell were added to the list and CISA. Root Street only has 8th graders. Mayra will send all forms to all board members for their follow up calls. Mayra asked for suggestions for the Pete Perez and the Keynote Speaker. Martin Medrano said he would be the photographer for the day in order to save money on a photographer. The board discussed we would include the Pete Perez Bio in the program rather than putting copies on the tables. An idea came up of running a PowerPoint of pictures of our festivals during the breakfast. It was recommended that we make phone calls now to our corresponding schools to make sure they received all documents. The week of Dec. 1st – 5th we should call again to follow up and make sure forms have been

sent back before the deadline. For Elementary grades K-5 we should contact the principal or asst. principal; same for Private schools K-8. For High Schools the counselors should be contacted. Mayra discussed a press release giving information about the new scholarship application process. Martin Medrano said he would create a flyer promoting the scholarships/awards. The question came up of when the Pete Perez award started, 2003.

C. El Dia De Los Ninos

Claudia and Lisa will be meeting Thursday and will inform us next meeting of what they discussed. Liz will give them the timeline for this event.

7. **Misc. End of 2008 Budget Expense:**

Liz passed out several sheets with information. \$7,534.18 Credit – we can use this before 2008 or we lose it – wish list. Gifts for breakfast, polos/t-shirts, name tags, fleece sweaters, balloons/decorations, banners/cloth, envelopes, tri-fold brochure, new sponsorship folders, etc.

8. **Website/Challenge for Change:**

Research on website – creating a website, all present were in favor. Joel will look into it (down payment). This can range from \$500 - \$5000. Idea of a blog came up. Martin, Teresa, Joel will research and update the e-board with their findings. Vote to pursue the Dunham Fund – Challenge for Change all present were in favor. Diana, Mary, Tina and Dee were going to look into this.

9. **New Business/Misc. Info.:**

Dee shared some information. Working on a book and also a street honoring Nila Avenue - Indian Avenue (Farnsworth to Beckwith). We would do the celebration. We could announce it at our breakfast or May 5th. We've helped with Pete Perez, Hector Jordan Way and this would be our 3rd. Everything is in place they just need our help for collaboration. Unveiling would be at/during Fiesta de Luces. Dee needs one committee for the Street celebration and one committee for the book. Dee is also collecting pictures from the early 20's – 40's, 40's – 60's and 60's – today for an exhibit.

10. **Next Board Meeting: December 8, 2008**

11. Motion to adjourn meeting: Mayra
Seconded by: Teresa
Meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board

Minutes – December 8, 2008

Present:

Dee Nila Basile, COA/CS; **Diana Torres Hawken**, CMAP; **Cynthia Hernandez**, COA/AO; **Mayra Johnson**, Bardwell Elementary School; **Martin Medrano**, West Aurora High School; **Lisa Morales**, EA Dist. 131; **Hector Ochoa**, Old Second National Bank; **Maria Piceno**, Aurora Shalom Ministries; **Teresa Rosa-Jackson**, Bridging the Gap/EAHS; **Bea Torres**, COA/HR; **Tina Viglucci**, Aurora Public Library; **Liz DeLeon**, COA/MOSE; **Zack Valle**, COA/YS

Absent:

Javier Burgos, Burgos & Associates; **Mary Garza**, COA/ED; **Joel Gonzales**, Office of John Cunningham ; **Saul Olivas**, Rassumussen College; **Claudia Rubio**, Hill Elementary School

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Attendance – Tina Viglucci
3. Minutes from Nov. 10 were approved by all with change to Martin Medrano's current place of employment as now being West Aurora H.S.
Motion to approve: Mayra
Seconded by: Bea
4. Cindy asked members to think about sponsorship strategies/opportunities in light of coming hard economic times and to identify 3 goals to achieve in 2009 due at the January meeting. Teresa suggested having a strategic planning day and Cindy will look into it. Diana mentioned she knew of a possible facilitator for planning day and the need for members to get to know each other better. Zack suggested Board have a holiday get together. Liz will look into dates.
5. Cindy updated the Board on Joel's appeal and reinstatement. Votes were unanimous to reopen Joel's vacancy and to reinstate Joel.

6. **Committee Reports:**

A. Community Breakfast

Mayra passed out updated information sheet which showed what was to be completed month by month. It was announced that because of conflicts in the Mayor's schedule the Community Breakfast would need to be rescheduled. The Thursday before and Friday after current date were identified as possibilities. Schools would need to be informed as well as sponsors. Music options were discussed and it was decided that groups from West H.S., Rosary and East Aurora H.S. would be approached in that order. It was decided remuneration would be in the form of a donation and not tickets for breakfast. Suggestions for the Keynote Speaker were also discussed including Tony Iniguez, Jorge Portilla and Leda Santodomingo. It was reminded that a rubric will be used to guide the judging process and there will be two days for judging. All members are encouraged to attend. It was also suggested that interviews be added to the

selection process next year and that East Oswego be included in the applications mailing.

B. El Dia De Los Ninos and Fiesta de Luces

Lisa and Teresa will be selecting sub committee chairs for El Dia de los Ninos. Zack asked that Board work on budgets for next year's events and that new members be initiated into committees.

7. **Dunham Challenge:**

The committee presented a summary of the grant proposal for AvanzAurora which was sent to Board members through email the previous day. Members were given hard copies to read and asked to email all before noon of Wednesday, December 10th with comments and an opinion on whether to pursue grant.

8. **Website:**

It was decided that the committee would get estimates by Friday, December 12 for a bilingual website with information on the Board and its three events. It was pointed out that in order to be able to use leftover money from 2008 for this project the Board would need to be invoiced before the year's end.

9. **End of 2008 Budget Surplus:**

Cindy reported that polos, fleeces, flash drives for event chairs, holiday greeting cards and thank you notes were ordered with leftover money from budget for 2008 and the latter were passed around for members to sign. Additional suggestions for using the leftover money were discussed including the Board members holiday get together. Cindy also brought up the idea to 'adopt a family' and different ways of identifying possible qualifying recipients were discussed. An additional idea to use artwork produced for Community Breakfast contest for board calendar/greeting cards that could be sold to raise money next year was brought up by Tina.

10. The next meeting will be held on January 12, 2009.

11. Motion to adjourn meeting: Mayra
Seconded by: Bea
Meeting adjourned at: 10:28a.m.

**Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board Proposal Meeting
Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2008**

Board Members Present

Diana Torres Hawken
Tina Viglucci
Maria Picino
Mayra Johnson
Martin Medrano
Bea Torres
Teresa Rosa Jackson
Cynthia Hernandez
Liz Deleon

Meeting Time: 5:30 p.m.

Discussion Item 1: Scholarship Proposal

Cindy Hernandez stated ok so the first thing is only a couple of people showed up for the meeting on Tuesday but that's the day they could attend. We had a few more scheduled but things occurred so here's some of the changes. As you can see there wasn't any major changes that they wanted they liked the requirements. Two questions that they did ask to make sure to ask was the GPA ok being 2.5. Joel Gonzales felt that it was reasonable. Mary Garza stated that although not everybody will meet all those requirements it will be something that could to or toward their additional scoring or whatever it may be to push them over the top or make the candidate whoever it may be versus another candidate. So, Joel Gonzales asked whether or not if they applied to different organizations can they still apply to ours? Well I don't think unless you guys have an issue with that?

Bea Torres asked for scholarships?

Cindy Hernandez stated right like if they applied to LULAC, Puerto Rican Cultural Council or if they have applied to any other scholarships.

Bea Torres stated that's never.. we've never

Tina Viglucci stated none of them are going to pay for everything they need...

Cindy Hernandez stated right so that why we all agreed to more power to them for applying and putting their effort through. One other question was would there be an interview process to interview the candidates and that has not been discussed but maybe that's something we can look at for next year, unless you guys want to implement that this year. And then they also took a look at the judging form so there's on the red line version of what the scholarship packets will look like. The red line versions have the actual two maximum pages double spaced and so it like really easy for them to type up three questions. Then the resume inside of the packet you'll actually see there is a resume format they can actually just kind of borrow. So and that would be...the judging guidelines.. if you guys want to use this or not.. this is something easier to kind of...this is exactly what we have on our judging criteria but you guys can put different points on whatever it may be to be easier for grading. So like personal statement would be 20 or resume would be 10 something so that in that way you have any way to determine why someone is getting the scholarship verses someone else. Like encourages leadership in involvement in youth Hispanic Heritage.. you know 20 do they have...or whatever the case may be and they agree they want a fair process on that too so they liked that. and the other stuff we'll cover after the proposal meeting oh and Lisa Morale, she couldn't make it today but she did also want to state her major concern was that the resume wasn't going to be.. her major concern was that it may discourage students from applying cause she thought with asking them to submit a resume would be a good practice but most kids really do not have a lot of information to put on a resume. So if you look inside of the scholarship packet which is one of those two, the resume is actually formatted for them to pop in their own information: which would be education your high school, your part time job, child care provide child care like babysitting, achievements if your on National Honor Society Honor, academic honor roll, volunteer experience...your volunteer experience if they volunteered for the Hispanic board what events what dates.. some after tutoring mentoring whatever their volunteer service is. Interest activities are they apart of sports Football, Basketball, girls scout, boy scout..

Tina Viglucci asked is that in school and out of school?

Cindy Hernandez stated yes in school or out of school whatever the case may be. So that's under the interests and activities and of course do you have computer skills...and that would be their basic resume if they decide to have something like that. So lets go ahead and open it up for questions concerns comments.

Diana Torres stated I have one and that for people who are concerned about the resume and if they are concerned they are not to fill it out properly I'd be happy to volunteer just this year to see...to give my name, number, and email address to see if people have inquiries and how many we may have from that to help gage if this is a good exercise or not. So in other words, they have someone to contact specifically if they want to work on their resume. So I'd be happy to volunteer to do that.

Tina Viglucci stated there's two workshops in the Library. There's some this Saturday and there's one in November and one in December and its someone who comes in from the IETC and helps people do their resume right there.

Cindy Hernandez stated oh that's great if you can send also information on that. Ok.

Diana Torres stated and I doubt that anybody will call but there's no excuse then bottom line

Mayra Johnson stated as an old member, been on here and have already done more than three of these, my biggest thing with this its fine is nice to have them do their own things they are seniors that's great. My biggest thing with this is that this scholarship the whole purpose was to give them something a monetary amount for what they are already doing. Our purpose was not for us to ask them to tell us what they were doing because someone was already...someone has...an adult, a teacher a councilor has already seen their attributes to their community to their school as leaders. That's why they were getting this scholarship. As an educator in the education field I think that is just awesome for the fact that the kids are already in the process yes doing scholarships some have already finished because it is their senior year. And there's a lot of agencies out there...a lot of organizations that do this kind of stuff.. that request a resume, that request a personal statement, that request letters of recommendation. We're a city organization where we give this award because they've done the work and we're recognizing the for that. So that's my biggest concern, it's worked in the past, why we would have to make all these changes I don't know why. We've always had more than enough applicants that have come in, so that's my biggest concern for this. Now going back to a connection made to it, we keep going back to that's our mission, that's our mission yes that's our mission. If you want to do something with the education system let me give you an example. Right now the school I work at did not make AYP, which is called average yearly progress because our Hispanic students had to take the test in English this year according to the State of Illinois. You're asking a Spanish kid who only speaks Spanish to take a test in English. What I would rather our board, what I would like our board to do is let's put our time into going into the schools tutor one hour a week and help our Spanish kids with their English. This our kids, our seniors have already done the work let us give them this award, let us give them this scholarship, let us then in place go into the schools go into the school and help the lower grades and teach and help teach that English and help them with that...those are what my concerns are.

Diana Torres asked I'm a little confused, I don't understand, your objection is that the format changed or that where we are pulling from has changed.

Mayra Johnson replied the whole thing changed. Like everything that is on here has been changed except for maybe this, the application form. The way it used to be was or the way it is, is that we send this piece...just this and the introductory letter to what the breakfast is to the high schools... every high school and every councilor. The councilors then in turn pick students who come under these categories cause they know them best. They know their scores. The resume part is fabulous, Marmion academy did that for us..I don't remember if that was last year..

Bea Torres stated this year

Mayra Johnson stated yes this past year. They sent in the kid's application...their form...letter of recommendation. They sent everything in. The student didn't have to do anything though and that's my biggest things because they are already doing all of these things. They are already involved in sports. They are involved in these community activities big brothers, big sisters. They are already in DECA, BPA and I feel for once let them get something for and they don't have to do it.

Cindy Hernandez stated I can give like an example my brother David goes to Marmion...and perhaps it's the..well he went to Marmion and this happens a lot to the students. If you're not in the category where you are that student that the councilor likes or whatever the case may be you're not going to be considered and I say that because my brother David actually wanted this scholarship he wanted his councilor to put in an application for the scholarship but they chose the other Hernandez. So looking at that I was like well that's interesting how does that work? The same thing went with me... when I applied for scholarships out of senior year the Aurora Foundation... the same thing had occurred. My GPA wasn't a 4.0 but I was 2.5 student working thirty hours per week, doing

all my volunteer service doing all that stuff but I was never allowed that opportunity to apply for a scholarship...which is why the 2.5 GPA is like I mean your opening it up to anybody if you're not a 4.0, 3.0 student you can still apply for the scholarship, because we actually received calls last year. How can I apply for you scholarship? Well you can't.

Diana Torres asked would it be possible, having worked on an educational nonprofit where we recruited kids? We did it in two ways. One is that we allowed students and families who were...the go-getters.. you know... they are the families that already know that their child is doing well. They know what's out there. They are looking for opportunities. They can have this whole packet and identify somebody to speak on their child's behalf but then we can also go straight to the schools and just ask councilors, teachers whatever to identify the students, students' names and students mailing address and then we can mail these packets and say this particular individual has nominated you. Do you want to participate in this and give an example? So we hit both ways. So it's really not writing anything new. It's just saying this is what we have. Nominate students, one thing they can fill out by hand, name address. That's it.

Martin Medrano asked isn't it also true that in the past there have been schools that did not nominate anybody at all?

Maria Picino replied that's what she's saying is to leave it open to not just the schools but a family member, a friend, or a coworker or something

Bea Torres stated clergy..

Maria Picino continued something where they volunteered. Let them nominate them so not just leave it to the school. Open it up to other people

Tina Viglucci stated and the school won't have to do all the work of filling out the forms the student will though...

Diana Torres stated and they'll find the person... clearly they are not going to find someone that hates them to write a letter for them. They are going to find the person that likes them.

Mayra Johnson stated and I think the idea that came up at that last meeting about going to a principals' meeting going to a directors' meeting informing them on what the process is because Marmion didn't know they could nominate more than one Hispanic person in the school. If we let them know this is open to all your students..you can send thirty, fifty applications if they want..do they know that?

Cindy Hernandez stated I think it's more of an effort thing cause even Claudia was on West Aurora's, she's the West Aurora Liaison and she told them guys put in some applications...you... we have no applications from West Aurora..none came in and that's just so disappointing because these are students' that could have benefitted from having our information...from having our scholarship. Let's face it school is expensive. Whether our...this scholarship helps them out with books.. that's \$1,000 that they don't have to put on a credit card that's \$1,000 they don't have to ask their parents for and in looking at the big picture...it like how can we possibly... and it's good to look at other recommendations to be able to see if someone else can nominate them from the community but we want to be able to include everybody in this picture because you know what let's face its more work for the school. A lot of these letters seemed like save as letters and I know when I write letters of recommendation from the Aldermen's Office they are all save as. I follow a sample guideline add a few things that might be different about the student but it's a save as. You know what I mean and there's nothing really like... they might put a little bit of what's in the resume inside of there... what they've done but it seems like it's all the same. So, if it comes from the student, it would be something that is actually coming from their heart. Because there's a lot of students that will be like you know what.. I really..i think I deserve this scholarship because I'm doing this, this, this and this. I may not be a 4.0 student but I give my time for the school.... I give my time to Aurora...

Diana Torres and they are taking the time to fill it out..

Cindy Hernandez stated and they're taking the time to fill it out.

Mayra Johnson stated one point too that I want to make is that we don't only give them to the students who have the highest GPA also, we have given them and I don't know if it was last year or the year before we gave it to someone who was a single mother who went thought school and had the grades that she needed. We also have to remember want to remember we want them to excel. This is the reason they are going to college because to enter into college you have to have a certain GPA too.

Bea Torres stated I think..

Tina Viglucci stated I think even colleges are deemphasizing the GPA and the grade point average cause I represent my college affairs around this area and they want someone who can show that they can contribute to the community, the society, to the school. They don't have for example they used to have a cut off for SAT scores but they don't anymore.

Bea Torres stated I was going to say I think, I honestly think that the reason why we may in the past may not have gotten a lot of applications coming in from schools is because we are not giving them enough time. We're giving them one month... right before... no through the Thanksgiving Break to make sure this stays on the top of their pile and they are able to get it into us. I ...part of me says this is a good idea and its allowing the student to make sure that they exceed...

Maria Picino stated they have the opportunity..

Bea Torres continued yeah that they have the opportunity to apply for it but part of me is not real fond of it because we are not a..we are not a scholarship disbursement organization where we get money from the State and ...gobs of money and then we have all these people do a lengthy process like this to get a scholarship. We are an organization that or a board that's working just to help out our students... We have this event...this free event for children you know...we're not making anybody work for anything more than that. So I don't know. There were a few things I thought... I commented on as far as the..this application. The biggest thing is and it's nothing against Cindy because I think Cindy has done a great job putting all this information together... this is a one person idea or suggestion a one person and she did a great job but I think this needs more time for a board or a committee to sit down and work on it. To perfect it to make it the board's new application process and I think there are something's that could be fixed some things that could be changed added or deleted etc. so...

Mayra Johnson stated because not only...that's why I wish you guys would go through one community breakfast first before we made these changes because you guys haven't gone through a breakfast with just this application. This alone when it comes in its, hours coming in two or three hours sitting down reading over them and we don't even finish them. That's just the seniors then you have all of the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors and then you have all of the essays and all of that has to be done within a certain amount of time. We usually ask it... we ask for these to be returned before Christmas Break before they go out of school. So that means our two weeks or their two weeks we either have our jobs or we're on vacation so even then our board has their own responsibilities outside the board. Usually we've done it in...I want to say three days and it has just been like a few just... a few people who have sat down and read all of them cause then once January starts we have to all ready have the names of the kids who are winning this scholarship.

Bea Torres stated the one thing we have not tried..the one thing we have not tried and I feel like we should allow that first this year. And then you know depending on how the entries come in... although we are still to me...we are short on time give them two months before Thanksgiving or before Christmas but the one thing we have not tried is we have not gone and talked to these people face to face. And I think that we should at least try that before we make a drastic change like this. Because that alone might click and say oh ok I can do more than one, oh ok I should make sure it's a unique nomination form. It's not repetitive one where you know it's the same thing for just one student you know with just a few things changed. Talk to them. Tell them what we're looking for maybe even tell them you know we're considering making it a scholarship thing where the students are going to have to do all this work next year to get it done because we're not getting you guys to cooperate with us. You need to make sure you take everyone into consideration. There should not be any personal feeling towards a student who might be behavior or whatever. I like your idea where they go up to the person and say and hey I'd like for you to nominate me because you know whatever. I like that..

Diana Torres stated no nomination, it be like I'm applying for this. Please speak on my behalf.

Bea Torres stated oh like a recommendation.

Diana Torres stated cause you're going to somebody you know already likes you because you're the go-getter.

Bea Torres stated but like if went...we remained...if we stayed with our nomination process, I could see them going up to somebody and ask... a clergy... a councilor. That way there isn't...they are not going up...somebody who doesn't like them isn't getting it and saying well I don't like that person so I am not going to...then take it to somebody,. I like that idea.

Maria Picino stated I like the idea that the person that wants the scholarship is actually going to... he has a chance and not waiting

Diana Torres stated selective yeah...

Maria Picino stated...on the hopes of someone of someone volunteering him. or someone so I mean I think...

Cindy Hernandez stated so they would still have to fill out their own form then but...so they would still fill out this form but they would be asking their recommender to recommend their form.

Tina Viglucci asked before they were nominated but they didn't have to fill out the personal statement or they did?

Bea Torres stated no it was just the one nomination form. It was mailed to the schools and they had one month to send it back to us.

Tina Viglucci asked and you chose whoever they sent as a nomination.

Bea Torres stated right we read through all of them..

Tina Viglucci asked would they automatically receive it or did you still had to choose between them?

Bea Torres asked I'm sorry?

Tina Viglucci asked everyone who was nominated how did you choose based on the letter of recommendation or based on what?

Mayra John stated this went along with the application and depending on what category... when we received them all we divided them between leadership and academics. So there was a pile of academics. There was a pile of community in Aurora and one in school community. From there, depending on what these requirements and criteria were...we went ahead reading those having these in mind and having these in mind so when we read them we highlighted this is good, this is good, this is good, next person..

Tina Viglucci stated cause they wrote a letter..ok...

Mayra Johnson stated their councilor, or their teacher, or their principal... of everything that they are doing.

Cindy Hernandez asked but see that's the other thing, how does the councilor exactly know everything that they are doing? Like if the student were to... they know their own resume you know what I mean...like a student can actually say I'm...they don't know that I was big brother and big sister on the outside, they just know what I do inside of the school. By allowing them to...and that's why the resume would be something for them to just kind of add. It's pretty they can just pick up ok I have this, this and this and this is what they are looking for. And they could just easily write their personal statement or whatever the case may be. I think with... and I am going to back pedal a little bit. The first thing is, I want you guys to understand this is was never Cindy's Proposal. As you can see, none of the information that you have received has ever said created by Cindy. Bits and pieces was always taken from ideas that has come from other people. From other board members... why don't we do this and this. So everything was kind of put together and that's what I want you guys to understand anything that I put through to the board isn't because I... it's because it came from questions, recommendation or whatever the case may be.

Mayra Johnson asked so who was this from then?

Cindy Hernandez stated the changes on there? Those are from outside people who have seen our organization. Those are from people not only past board members but... I had the question couldn't we actually have a process where the student can apply. Dee Basile even said could they fill out a personal statement? I mean there's certain people that have seen what how... the recommendation form.

Bea Torres stated but there wasn't a committee formed, created, to work on such an idea.

Diana Torres stated I guess I am just a little bit confused. The reason that you are uncomfortable with this because before all you used to get this page right? And then would you get a resume? Or no resume?

Mayra Johnson stated they would send that page. A councilor would have a typed up written..

Diana Torres stated the recommendation right.

Mayra Johnson stated of what the student is involved with. Why they should receive this award. What their GPA is. What they do outside of what this is for and what they do outside of the school and if they did they would send a resume in.

Diana Torres questioned and then they would still write their own personal statement? So the personal statement is new number one? So that's the big change. What else is the big change? So it's more for us to do in the given time frame that's one of the discomforts apparently. I guess I am just trying to follow why..

Bea Torres stated it's a lot for the student to do..

Martin Medrano stated I don't agree with that..

Diana Torres stated I don't agree with that yeah..

Martin Medrano stated they are students that are excelling. I'm sure they have already applied for other scholarships and most of this is probably already done...

Diana Torres stated I say.. this is fabulous...

Martin Medrano continued if they are excelling academically and they plan on going to college I'm sure they already applied for other scholarships and again these are the requirements they will have to meet for other scholarships and I do like the idea of opening it up to the students and not keeping it closed so that only they can only be nominated by councilors or teachers because there are students who maybe do they work and do the work outside of the school and maybe don't have a daily communication with teachers or councilors.

Diana Torres stated and I think it would be a service to Aurora, if we are a board to come here and serve the community and we are looking for Hispanic people to apply, why shouldn't we have our students apply early? We are asking for a deadline of December and most scholarships are given in the Spring. Why not prepare these students and do what you want to do? And that is to work with students who have maybe lacked in the writing skills. Identify maybe they don't get a scholarship but we could start a committee maybe that's something we can do for this. Why don't we take this as a starting ground and if people don't have time for it then lets form a subcommittee of people who have the time and want to be involved in choosing the students.

Tina Viglucci stated or talk to the teachers and see if they want to integrate it into an English class maybe

Diana Torres stated however but we have to find a way..

Tina Viglucci stated and have them write maybe they have an assignment where they say whoever wants to apply to this you can write a statement about yourself and or be whoever doesn't want to write about this and this and this.

Diana Torres stated and I love your idea about going in person. I mean we have enough board members that one of us could be in charge of a school and contact a school. You get in touch with the principal, you say you're from the board...you get in touch with teacher...you get into that school, you do a presentation... schools have assemblies all we need is two minutes on the agenda to say this is what's out there. This is what's available and if each of us just do a school, there's no excuse why we can't get these in and this is going to be a lot of work for us but that's what I signed up to do when I joined the board so...I think this is great thoug...my vote is..

Cindy Hernandez stated no votes tonight...

Dian Torres stated there's some grammatical things but maybe some things that will make things less cumbersome but the idea in what you are asking students to submit are for the reasons that he just said these people are the ones who want money and are looking for the opportunity and looking for support so why not offer it?

Bea Torres asked how will we make sure each student knows about this?

Cindy Hernandez replied that would be press release to be sent out, for... just so you guys know from when your appointments were made ..I don't know if everyone recalls I said feel free to talk to people about possible sponsorships...about our board or whatever the case maybe. Just so that way you guys know what I've been doing so far and this is just to kind of initiate the dialogue cause a lot of...there's a lot of Hispanic Organizations and our board is supposed to be the bridge between a lot of organizations so I've been kind of talking to their presidents and seeing on how we can work together on a lot of our initiatives and with that I've already spoken to the Puerto Rican Cultural Council...on my list to do is to talk to Hispanic.. like LULAC, Art Velasquez, I've already spoken with Art Velasquez and these are all people that are wanting to work with us maybe have them as volunteers...whatever the case maybe. Their students can also... this could be something we can do with our scholarship or if we decide to go on that route... is we can actually say you know what, although you didn't get our scholarship, have you applied for any of these other scholarships? And that way we can actually work together in helping the Hispanic students in funding their education. But part of ...going back to what I was just saying going to other organizations, I had wanted to meet with the schools just involved with the volunteering and what could we do

to gain volunteers for our events and not only getting that but kind of getting an input. Like at our next board meeting they are just going to be sitting not going to be talking but we have LULAC students that see us as community leaders... that they actually want to just sit and watch in how we conduct our board meeting and they are very interested in just doing that cause they want to implement that in their LASO organization meetings and these are the people that you know by allowing students to sit in this is kind of the initiative that we want to do we want to promote this education because they want to do the same thing they want to promote education also within the Hispanic Community. It's kind of like a chain reaction. If you guys want to take the initiative and talk to other people that's great to. For me, I all ready had it on my schedule to talk to you know the schools just for volunteer opportunities to see how we could work with councilors more... their service hour people more but whatever you guys want to do on that.

Mayra Johnson stated so if were gonna I'm going to go back now to this. We are going to make this fair as what I heard and open it up to all the students, so it's available. I think we should do that from all areas of the competition then because if we are saying that not all of the kids know about it in the high school then, like we've had before, not too many schools do the essay... not too many schools turn in art projects then we're going to do a press release from Kindergarten all the way through senior year.

Bea Torres stated or upper class 18-21 year old. So a press release and then just talking to the councilors and principles and they are going to somehow get it out to the students. Notify them or just based off the press release...

Cindy Hernandez stated when we go and talk with them what we can do is we can give them packets for them to have on hand so if they have to make extra copies they can go ahead and do that but they can actually... another way to easily do it is through posters in their cafeteria. Hispanic Heritage Scholarship information, for more information check out the website or call whatever the case maybe. So they can initiate.. oh looks there another... there's a scholarship I can apply for or at least find more information about and with the webpage this would be something we could have on the front page of the City's webpage so it would be an easy follow link.

Diana Torres asked whose we that's going out to these schools who's the we?

Cindy Hernandez stated whoever

Tina Viglucci stated so we talk to the school administration and we let them talk to the students?

Cindy Hernandez stated unless you guys want to talk to the students...different clubs

Tina Viglucci are we allowed to go into a class?

Cindy Hernandez stated they may... I know like for Rosary they always enjoy guest speakers

Tina Viglucci stated right..

Cindy Hernandez continued cause we're all professionals and in our field. So it would not only be a guest speaker about our profession but also about this board that we have. I know different schools like West Aurora, East Aurora, like have a Latino Organization Rosary has one too

Tina Viglucci stated that would be good.

Cindy Hernandez stated I don't know about Marmion but even like IMSA would be a great school to target as well because these are brilliant students. Even though they may not get all the scholarships, it would be nice to maybe give them one .We don't always know their financial..

Diana Torres stated and some schools have newsletters other have e-blasts I mean a lot of schools are on board with... we just have to use the resources that already exist. They have a way to communicate with all parents and they have a way to communicate with all students. So that's what we should be tapping into. I would love to go to a school and the fact that there were schools that were not nominated, just says that whoever is doing the outreach that's a lot to take in and there's no reason why we don't we shouldn't separate it between all of us. Whoever can sign on and can try to contact at least it gives that person the opportunity to make a connection with the community and it will empower us to, to make our own networks.

Cindy Hernandez so one thing I'll ask before... that'll be the vote for Monday..If you guys want to submit any cause I've sent those on electronic format just put your changes in red or whatever the case may be to that and what we'll do is just resubmit. Then that way you can vote on the compiled packet but if you could do that for tomorrow when I'll send out the actual vote for that

Bea Torres stated so what's the date that you anticipate mailing anything out or going to talk to schools or?

Cindy Hernandez like the press release could go out Monday depending on the vote. The schools we could start everything from..cause I was going to I had two schools in line to talk to Friday and then if anybody wanted to take time next week to see what their schedule is also do it for next week..

Tina Viglucci stated can we get a list of schools

Diana Torres stated yeah we need a game plan. Who are the schools we're targeting and who has contacts where?

Cindy Hernandez stated we have five high schools but for the other schools which Mayra just opened up for we have different elementary schools we could probably talk to the

Tina Viglucci stated middle schools ..

Cindy Hernandez stated middle schools yes. We have Jefferson and Washington on the westside..

Mayra Johnson stated between West Aurora and east aurora you're going to have total of over 25..

Diana Torres stated with high school and yeah 25 divided by board of like 20 members

Mayra Johnson stated and that's including you have to dig into East Aurora the special CIS school that is for students who have behavior problems but they still get an education so it's not just the regular classrooms. There's the special schools too..

Diana Torres stated yes I say step one my suggestion would be somebody compile a list and then give it up to the board and then volunteer for whatever school they either live next to or and then we could find out where the gaps are and then that's maybe there's something we can do Cindy that's what was your original plan it seems...

Cindy Hernandez so what I'll do because I had the whole night removed after this to type these all up for you guys this will actually be for all the people who could not make it and gave me their suggestions and recommendations. So that way they can see, that's why I have this recorded I try to take as much accurate notes as I can but I miss a few things.

Tina Viglucci stated you could even talk to the librarians in the schools. I know East Aurora High School has a library and they can help students sit and write and get them books on how to write a personal statement and things like that.

Cindy Hernandez stated that's great suggestions. So the vote will go through tomorrow... you guys have your packets of information that I'll go ahead and just send this actually I can just send this right now to everybody cause I can just log on over here and that way you can make your suggestions on that and we'll go from all those suggestions and for the vote on Monday. And then what I'll do is compile a list of all the schools. I'll get email addresses to their principals and a phone number so that way you guys can contact whoever...you just remember to copy all for which schools you want to talk to..

Bea Torres stated so if we have any suggestions for any changes or grammar or whatever we send that to you and then you send it to everybody so everybody can see what 's going to be changed or the suggested change.

Cindy Hernandez stated unless you want to do, do you guys know how to do that is do a reply to all and then they reply to all will go to all of us.

Maria Picino stated everybody gets it..

Cindy Hernandez questioned sound good...

Tina Viglucci asked I have a question are we accepting anything in Spanish?

Cindy Hernandez stated I think that yeah

Bea Torres stated I thought we were going to translate our forms last year we had talked about it...

Tina Viglucci stated I can help translate if you want..once you have all the...

Diana Torres stated the final product ...

Martin Medrano asked about the changes, its on these items that where're looking at and added suggestions.

Cindy Hernandez yeah whatever suggestions you may have on those just do a file...unless you have those you want to get right now and I can try to get those out to you...that way you have them in your emails tonight as well and that's that unless you have any questions concerns, comments on that are we good?

Discussion Item 2: World Connect Library Grant- Tina Viglucci

Cindy Hernandez stated real quick just to see a show of hands if you would like to do something like this. I will let Tina go first because I have her stuff right here..

Tina Viglucci stated well the library..there's a grant the American Library's Association has it's called Word Connect at your library. They offer it every year and people submit a grant proposal for that based on that topic. What we're proposing is world connect at the library... were proposing is connect generations of Hispanic people in Aurora at the library and we want to do that through oral histories where the younger generations interview it can be a relative it can be someone they know in the community them and try to get their story out and we're going to video record it and we're going to make ..edit the video recordings and make them available in the library through monitors in the different libraries and then have the book mobile have it going looping and showing those stories also the book mobile is where we are hoping to video record so it will be a traveling recording studio and we can park it outside of the library. And people can make appointments and people will be coming in to sit there and interview grandma or their mother or their father and it's a beautiful story

Cindy Hernandez stated and it a beautiful way to fit what our vision is and to educate people that came not only the current kids and adults but to educate people who will come after us... about just the history alone to find out about... my grandpa owned this and this store he was the first hair stylist or whatever. It's so beautify to find out our history. People are so proud to tell their history this is a great way to in order to do that.

Tina Viglucci stated to instill some pride and some understanding between generations also and a lot is lost from the older generations to the younger ones... for people in the community to know each other too even outside of the Hispanic community. Just to see what the stories are... real people what are they doing and also we are going to do a little...we intend to have some technology programs where people learn to download...download e-books so it's going to be integrated into other things also. But we.. they require some partners for this but they don't require a letter of support . We were asking is a letter of support from the Hispanic Heritage Board as a partner and as a partner and as a partner the role would be to help us promote it... basically spread the word maybe even say the recording would be used in the different activities held throughout the year.

Cindy Hernandez stated if we could just we really don't need a vote cause there is no money going into it but if you guys...does this seem like something you would want to support? Cause she needs the letter of support to go through by the 14th November.

Tina Viglucci stated the grant has to be in November 14th

Mayra Johnson asked we're wring the grant?

Cindy Hernandez stated no...

Tina Viglucci stated no the grant proposal is already written just a letter of support.

Cindy Hernandez just stating we support..

Tina Viglucci stated from the Hispanic Heritage Board

Diana Torres that's real good

Discussion Item 3: The Dunham Fund

Cindy Hernandez so the next thing is writing a grant there something called the Dunham Fund. And what this is if you guys are interested in doing something...of course our event planning absolutely takes more priority over these little subcommittees we may have if we decide to do this. What the Dunham fund it's an opportunity for us to gain additional money. All we have to do is write a

proposal... it doesn't have to be a proposal that we'll actually implement. It just has to be a proposal that is innovative, creative, collaborative and has all that information that encompasses the values of what the Dunham fund is looking. If we could create something like that... if we can create something like that ...just kind of share on that... we'll actually be able to gain 1st prize 100,000, 2nd prize 50, 000 and 3rd prize 15,000. If this is something you want to do we can come together on this and create a proposal that we can submit to the Dunham Fund and see if they can consider us for this award.

Tina Viglucci asked when is the deadline?

Cindy Hernandez stated the deadline is January...

Martin Medrano stated 15th

Teresa Rosa Jackson asked are we a not-for-profit organization?

Cindy Hernandez stated we are...we have a tax exempt status.

Teresa Rosa Jackson asked so we're a not for profit under what the City?

Cindy Hernandez under the city.

Teresa Rosa Jackson stated and the city says we can go ahead and put in for a proposal?

Cindy Hernandez stated cause we are tax exempt anything we do we don't pay taxes on or anything like that. So this would allow for us to gain additional funds it's just like finding sponsorship funds.

Bea Torres asked can we all get copies of this?

Cindy Hernandez stated yeah I killed a lot of trees, so I tried to share but what I can do is email you guys the link too to the Dunham

Bea Torres stated so we can look...read a little more..

Teresa Rosa Jackson stated when I worked for the City any Grant that we were thinking about they went through finance I don't know if that's changed or not that's why I am asking if the city has given us permission as a city board to put in for this grant.

Cindy Hernandez stated cause it's not even... it's not necessarily.. it's just award money. It's not actually a grant they are giving us it's just our idea. That's what this is right here. This could be something we don't actually implement it. It's just our idea. It's the brightest idea you can come up with but you have to put it into a proposal form.

Teresa Rosa Jackson asked so you don't have to implement it?

Cindy Hernandez stated nope.

Teresa Rosa Jackson stated so just an idea.

Tina Viglucci stated oh wow.

Diana Torres stated it's a grant writing proposal writing completion...nice

Tina Viglucci stated so it's think big.

Cindy Hernandez stated think big that's exactly what it is...

Teresa Rosa Jackson asked are there any limits that we use the money for?

Diana Torres stated big party for us...

Cindy Hernandez stated it just goes back to your organizations that implement that..

Discussion Item 4: Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board Website and Miss Latina

Cindy Hernandez stated and then just to get an idea. Whether or not you'd actually be interested in this I don't know who's all seen our website or webpage. It's not really a website it's just kind of a page. This is something that we could get a small committee to work on if this is what you decide to do. it doesn't have to be implemented anytime soon but if I see a show of hands that actually for us to actually have a website I cleared it through Jim Dahl and Dan Barriero and they are absolutely fine with us doing something like this. And what this would allow us to do is put information about our programs...put our information about who we are...put information about sponsorship packages... people can just upload them from the webpage. In the meantime before we actually want to start working on this, I wanted to see if this is something that you do...initiate research on the cost research on the maintenance and whether or not we could get like ...Ron what's his name Pringle...Ron Pringle he could create one for us but the only stipulation on that is only city employees can upload information to send him to upload to the webpage. So we wouldn't have control over that. But if we did our own like on the outside we could use like a free site and we can all kind of create one like that or we could find research to see how much it might cost us to get one up and running. Is that something that you guys would actually like to have...

Martin Medrano stated that's a good idea.

Tina viglucci asked would it still be part of the city like within?

Martin Medrano stated a link from the city...today's day in age.

Cindy Hernandez stated cause Downtown Alive has one and so does the Aurora downtown committee or something like that..you can just link on their information and different stuff that they have so that's good. Lastly, this is actually a funny way I got this note its actually really strange I got it on a little piece of paper when I went to the gym and just so you know I haven't been to the gym for a while. so this was written 10/9/08 but her name is Jalitza from the Puerto Rican Cultural Council. Cynthia Nick told me you were involved in programming Fiesta de Luces, I have been, actually been wanting to, implement a Miss Latina Aurora Scholarship Pageant. I am currently the Miss Puerto Rico of Aurora Scholarship Pageant Coordinator and am in the process in putting together A miss African American Scholarship Pageant. Lets Collaborate. So given that would that be something you would be interested to see or have in Fiesta de Luces and if that's the case I haven't responded to he so.

Mayra Johnson asked have?

Cindy Hernandez stated like something like that or at least more information about that or would you want that implemented.

Mayra Johnson asked like a booth or an actual pageant. Well we've already made a few changes might as well make more changes.

Bea Torres stated I think that one and the website. I think that one is worth her coming and informing the board ,at a board meeting I wouldn't mind listening and hearing what she has to say and the website one I think it's worth doing some research on.

Cindy Hernandez stated the webpage probably won't occur for like 8 months from now but at least it's an idea to kind of get us going on it because right now we are just a page. If people can actually download our applications off of there That way we don't have constantly email, we can tell them do download it... So come in for the board on this one and more research on the website. That's all I have..

Tina Viglucci stated we can talk to maybe the Hispanic chamber of commerce they have a website they keep pretty well. We can talk to them about costs and things

Bea Torres stated you said Downtown Alive has a webpage..

Cindy Hernandez stated but there's probably really expensive. Do you know how much they pay for theirs?

Liz Deleon replied I have no idea

Cindy Hernandez stated we basically we are going to get what we pay for. Have you guys seen the Puerto Rican Cultural Council's website? Absolutely just revamped and it looks amazing like if I were a sponsor I'd be like where can I sign..everything is in line to where just the information that is on there it looks great. If we can set ours up to where people can read at their leisure that way they can see what the board has to offer. I don't have anything else do you guys have anything else.

Bea Torres stated Job is visiting us today. Job was a past he was a chair before Mayra. Job Delgado

Teresa Rosa Jackson stated I apologize I came in late. Im sorry

Job Delgado stated one thing I like the internet one. That's a good idea Cindy I have no say so on this I mean I'm just here to listen what you all have to say but I'm interested in what's going on still but what you need to do on that one if you don't mind is incorporate your sponsors to sponsor that..so a portion is going into that and you're not paying into that out of your budget and then what you do is you for that year is you have their corporate logos on it to indicate that they sponsored also for that year. That's money coming in...What you guys were talking about earlier that's a great idea, I read this and I think it's a good idea but the only problem that I saw and Cindy had mentioned earlier was the fact it wasn't her idea only it came from outside sources. The only problem I saw that a committee should have been formed and then this information brought into the rest of the board members and talked about it prior to typing this up. A committee should have decided what would have been a better process for everyone. Your right some of the kids get short changed and they don't get involved or their councilors don't get them involved in anything or give them the recommendation that they so need. So your ideas are really good I hope you can implement everything together and make it work if it doesn't work for this year I'm telling you next year it's going to be kick butt.

Teresa Rosa Jackson stated I have to piggy back on that I don't know where we got this?was it done by a scholarship committee or

Cindy Hernandez stated no that was..it came from different sources. Those weren't original ideas.. that's why my name has never been on this stuff. Just like the Fiesta de Luces Summary everybody's name was on that because it was just created like that. It was just a hodge-podge of ideas..

Bea Torres stated so we send you whatever suggestions or changes you may have and you'll get it out to everybody for their opinions then we vote Monday.

Cindy Hernandez we vote Monday...

Job Delgado stated Fiesta de Luces started downtown, I was the chairman of that and I'll tell ya it needs to come back downtown...

Liz Deleon stated we are not going to do that...because in 2010 we'll have a permanent events site and plus they don't want any street closures..

Mayra Johnson asked where's the site at?

Liz Deleon replied across the street from the post office..

Job Delgado stated so your taling one more year over there...

Liz Deleon I checked into that but they are not going to let us do it. The business lose business on Saturday...

