

## Hispanic Roundtable Board meeting

June 18, 2010

### Present:

Alfredo Gomez-Beloz, All Together Farming  
Annabel Kirshner, WSU Thurston County  
Carlos Diaz, TESC  
Carmen Murphy, HRT Board Member  
Delfina Gayle, Dept. of L and I  
Denise Mijangos, El Aguila  
Eileen Yoshina, SPSCC, HRT Board Member  
Jose L. Diaz, HRT President  
Kathy Baros Friedt, HRT Board Member  
Miguel Blanco, El Aguila  
Olivia Salazar de Breau, HRT Executive Assistant to the President  
Paul Gallegos, TESC, HRT Board Member  
Rafael Lozano, TESC  
Renee Koenig, Safeplace  
Sara Peté, Olympia Timberland Regional Library / HRT Secretary  
Steve McRavin, SPSCC  
Tim Krautkraemer

### Approval of Minutes

-No quorum. The minutes will be approved via electronic vote. **Olivia will send out the minutes to the Board members next week for approval.**

### Guest Speaker Presentations:

#### Alfredo Gomez-Beloz

##### All Together Farming, Executive Director

Mr. Gomez-Beloz shared information about his non-profit organization All Together Farming. The organization is based in Tenino. The organization offers nutritional and high quality food to families experiencing food security issues. Other activities include a community garden, an after-school gardening program, micro farming, fresh bounty donations to the local food banks, and greenhouses. Volunteer days are every month, on the second Saturday and third Sunday from 11 to 4.

Supporters can help through in-kind donations, funding, volunteering, and sharing information about All Together Farming to family and friends. For more information visit [www.alltogetherfarming.org](http://www.alltogetherfarming.org). **Ivan Rodriguez will add the link to the HRT website.**

#### Miguel A. Blanco, President

##### Blanco Media Group

Mr. Blanco is the President and Publisher of *El Aguila* (*The Eagle*). He is new to the area, having moved here from the East coast. He has been in the Pacific Northwest for four months. *El Aguila* is a monthly publication. The publication sets itself apart from others by commitment to the empowerment and positive images of Latinos. Every effort is made to combat negative stereotyping of the Latino community. There is no tobacco or alcohol advertising, no denigration of women (i.e. putting women in bikini's to gain sales).



In the East coast, where the publication was started by Mr. Blanco's parents, the publication has been used by schools as an ESL tool. It has received numerous awards in that area for excellence in journalism.

Mr. Blanco would like help from the Hispanic Roundtable to distribute *El Aguila* in local schools. Kathy Baros Friedt suggested an introductory letter to the schools on Hispanic Roundtable letterhead that can be sent out in the fall. Additional suggestions included forging a connection with OSPI and distribution in public libraries. For more information about *El Aguila* visit [www.blancomediagroup.com](http://www.blancomediagroup.com). Mr. Blanco is seeking journalists and story ideas.

### **HRT Board Reports**

**President**, Jose L. Diaz

The HRT will be investing in a new color laser printer for administrative needs as well as printing our LYS related materials (programs, packet information, etc.). Olivia, Jose, and Ivan are researching models. **Sara**

**Pete will send consumer reports to Olivia this week.**

**Vice President**: VACANCY – Need Replacement

The Hispanic Roundtable is grateful for the work done by Veronica Bronkema and wish her well on her new venture up north. A board member is needed to fill the vacancy as Vice President.

Olivia Salazar de Breaux nominated Paul Gallegos as the new Vice President, speaking to his leadership skills and influence in the community.

Paul Gallegos nominated Olivia Salazar de Breaux, speaking to her in-depth background knowledge of the Hispanic Roundtable / Latino Youth Summit. Olivia expressed her reservations about serving as the Vice President due to her current paid position. She feels it may be a conflict of interest and does not want to jeopardize the organization or her potential future leadership opportunities with the Roundtable.

**Jose will review the current by-laws to determine whether Olivia can serve as the Vice President and as a paid staff member.**

**Secretary**, Sara Peté: No report.

**Treasurer**, Shawn Lewis. Absent. No report.

**Youth Education Chair**: Paul Gallegos. No report.

**Mentoring Program**, Emilio Vela, Jr. No report.

**Website**: Ivan Rodriguez. No report.

Next Meeting: July 16, 2010 at 10:00 am