



## **Florecente Community Meeting Summary Notes Thursday, July 6, 2017**

### **1. Florecente Association (FA) Leadership Board Updates**

- Josie Lopez and Mariela Treviño provided updates on the FA Board meetings and the FA Launch Event.
  - Two new members, Luis James Rosas & Luis Cisneros, joined the board.
  - FA set up a bank account.
  - FA will continue to reach out to local organizations to present to the neighborhood at monthly community meetings
- The Florecente Association spoke to the City of Moline on June 21st to request CDBG funds. A total of \$15,000 will be awarded to the FA for projects in the neighborhood including ADA ramps and sidewalk updates.
  - The FA also submitted a grant to Global Communities to start a lawn mowing assistance and murals for the neighborhood.



### **2. Announcements and Reminders**

- Be sure to vote on the sign-toppers for the neighborhood. Community members can vote at New Styles Barbershop and El Mexicano.

### **3. Organization Presentations**

- Esperanza Legal Assistance Center (ELAC), Carolyn O'Connor, Immigration Legal Specialist (DOJ Accredited)
  - ELAC presented on their affordable immigration legal and advocate services including DACA, adjustment of status, family-based petitions and naturalization to the Quad Cities region.
  - The office is located in the Esperanza Center at 335 5th Avenue #208. ELAC office hours are held on Mondays and Thursdays from 4:00 – 9:00PM or by appointment.
  - For more information contact ELAC at (309) 732.0047 or by email at [legalassistance@esperanzaqc.com](mailto:legalassistance@esperanzaqc.com) and visit [www.esperanzaqc.com/legal-assistance/](http://www.esperanzaqc.com/legal-assistance/) to review services.
- Ascentra Credit Union, Alvaro Macias, AVP of Community Development
  - Ascentra Credit Union presented on their services as a credit union as well as the upcoming program in partnership with ELAC.
  - Ascentra received a grant from Global Communities to replicate the Newcomers Initiative implemented in Muscatine, IA. The program will provide low-interest rate loans to ELAC referred clients with the costs of their immigration services. Participants will receive financial education assistance and help establish and improve credit.
  - For more information on the program, visit [www.facebook.com/NewcomersInitiative/](http://www.facebook.com/NewcomersInitiative/) or contact Alvaro Macias directly at (563) 344.3343 or by email at [alvaro.macias@ascentra.org](mailto:alvaro.macias@ascentra.org)



**NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING: THURSDAY, AUGUST 3RD at 6:30pm**  
at St. Mary's Catholic Church



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