



**City Of Bloomington
Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs**

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Wednesday, May 26, 2021
Minutes**

The Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs (CHLA) works to identify and research the issues which impact the Hispanic and Latino populations in Bloomington, especially in the areas of health, education, public safety and cultural competency. CHLA responsibilities include: developing action committees, promote positive remedies for issues confronting Latinos, network with like-minded organizations, and celebrate Latino and Hispanic history and contributions to the Bloomington Community.

In Attendance: Amy Oakley, Josefa Madrigal, Luis Fuentes-Rowher, Dairo Baez, Ruben Martí, Nico Sigler
Not in Attendance: Shelley Sallee, Francisco Ruiz, Pedro Ramirez

Guest: Katie Rodriguez

- I. Introductions
- II. Approval of April minutes
 - a. Luis Fuentes-Rowher motions to approve; Amy Oakley seconds. April 2021 minutes approved
- III. Latino Youth Organizations – Katie Rodriguez
 - a. The Social Butterfly Project
 - i. Commission for the Status of Children and Youth
 - ii. Looking for community partners and social service organizations that serve youth. Monroe Co. Library, Boys and Girls Club, and Middle Way House are all on board to be partners.
- IV. Liaison Report
 - a. Next COVID clinic is on June 7nd (12-6pm) to get 2nd dose of Moderna; also open to new individuals who want to get their first dose. There were 52ppl at the first clinic
- V. Current business
 - a. Health and Public Safety Report
 - i. There are not a lot of in person meetings taking place but law enforcement officials have been vaccinated and are ready to start collaborative work again.
 - b. Cultural Competency
 - i. El Mercado
 - 1. El Mercado has held two events at the Banneker Center and attendance has grown significantly since the 1st event.
 - 2. Will be meeting with El Centro to discuss sponsorships
 - 3. Actively recruiting new vendors
 - 4. The next event will be June 20th
 - ii. Title for Black y Brown Arts Festival
 - iii. Black y Brown Arts Festival –
 - 1. Reaching out to Black/African American/Latinxoa/Hispanic Artists
 - 2. August 8 (Sunday)
 - 3. Hispanic/Latino artist (all type of art)

4. Switchyard Park
 5. CHLA, Safe and Civil City, ESD, Parks and Recreation, Banneker Center
- c. Education
- i. Continued conversations with the new MCCSC superintendent will take place. Conversations are also still taking place with Summit Elementary principal about the immersion program and transportation to the school for those who are attending or want to attend.

VI. Additional/New Items

- a. When will CHLA be meeting in person again?
 - i. Executive order for zoom meetings for boards and commissions will expire at the end of May, but it's expected to be extended.

VII. Guests/Public Comment (Please allow 3-5 minutes per guest)

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Luis motions to adjourn; Ruben seconds. Meeting adjourned at 6:22pm.

Next meeting June 30, 2021