



**City Of Bloomington  
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**Wednesday, August 25, 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, Nico Sigler, Ruben Marte, Josefa Madrigal, Luis Fuentes Rohwer,, Dairo Baez

Not in Attendance: Pedro Ramirez, Francisco Ruiz

Guest: Dayna Thompson, Maggie Hutt (MoCo Public Library)

Guest: Dayna A Thompson

- I. Approval of July 2021 minutes
  - a. Ruben motions to approve July minutes; Nico seconds, July 2021 minutes approved
- II. Liaison Report
  - a. Fiesta del Otoño Saturday September 18<sup>th</sup>, 10AM-1PM
  - b. Commissioners hosting table event: Ruben/Nico/Amy
- III. Current business
  - a. Health and Public Safety Report
    - i. Ruben was able to meet via Zoom with the IU Student body president Ky Freeman.
    - ii. Ruben also spoke with Chief Jill Lees (IUPD Bloomington) to discuss meetings that she is having with campus students, staff and others regarding campus policing.
  - b. Cultural Competency
    - i. Black y Brown Arts Festival update—app link:  
<https://form.jotform.com/211043298183049>
      1. Reaching out to Black/African American/Latinxoa/Hispanic Artists
      2. September 18, 2021 at Bryan park
      3. Starting time 2pm
      4. CHLA, Safe and Civil City, ESD, Parks and Recreation,
      5. Commissioners attending event: TBA
    - ii. El Mercado – Next Mercado Date
      1. Had to cancel the August event
      2. Next date is September 19th – Will be a focus on voter registration
  - c. Education
    - i. CHLA Award Ceremony
      1. Potentially host virtually via zoom
    - ii. Masks have become focal point of the school system; some people are not happy about this.
- IV. **Additional/New Items**

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

Dayna A Thompson- Alzheimer's Educator

- a. IU Health Community Health department
- b. Not seeing Hispanic and Latino community members in their client base and are looking at strategies to improve support.
- c. Looking to recruit a bilingual individual to work with Alzheimer's Educators
- d. Will be at Fiesta del Otoño with materials to give to community members

**VI. Adjournment**

- a. Luis motions to adjourn; Ruben seconds; Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm

**Next meeting September 27, 2021**