



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

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**Wednesday, September 29, 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, Josefa Madrigal, Luis Fuentes Rohwer, Francisco Ruiz, Dairo Baez, Ruben Martí, Pedro Ramirez

Not in Attendance:

Guests: Maggie Hutt, Monroe County Public Library

- I. Approval of August 2021 minutes
  - a. Luis motions to approve August; Nico seconds; August 2021 minutes passed
- II. Liaison Report
  - a. Commissioners hosting event: Fiesta del Otoño/Black y Brown – Thank you!
  - b. Movimiento Cosecha
    - i. This is a group that wants to reverse policies that want to stop undocumented immigrants from getting drivers licenses.
    - ii. The commission has been invited to their zoom meeting on Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm
- III. Current business
  - a. Health and Public Safety Report
    - i. Motion to approve meeting with focus group from the city regarding providing information as it pertains to Latinos in Bloomington and law enforcement. Nico motions to have CHLA participate in next CHLA meeting; Pedro seconds; motion approved. We will invite to the October meeting.
  - b. Cultural Competency
    - i. Fiesta del Otono had a great turnout. Black y Brown event was not as well attended. El Mercado did not have a great turn out on Sunday and some vendors did not show.
    - ii. Further discussions to take place on how we can improve attendance for next year and event is also being moved to Switchyard Park.
    - iii. Next El Mercado event to be hosted in October if there is enough response from vendors. Date is TBD
    - iv. El Mercado to host a Vendor Permit tutorial/training TBD
  - c. Education
    - i. Luis reports that a State of the Latino Community report is in the works to discuss education, health, and immigration. October 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the Monroe County Library and will include city officials and others. The meeting will also be accessible via zoom. Will try to see if CATS can be available.
    - ii. Callout meetings have been taking place for high school “Amigos Club” and we would like to invite the officers to our November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- IV. Additional/New Items

- a. Nico motion's to move the Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> meeting to November 17<sup>th</sup>. Luis seconds; motion passed.
  - b. El Mercado's next mercado TBA
- V. Guests/Public Comment (Please allow 3-5 minutes per guest)
- VI. Adjournment
  - a. Ruben motions to adjourn; Dairo seconds; meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.

**Next meeting October 27, 2021**