

City of Bloomington
Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs
Wednesday, July 27th
@ 5:30-7:00 PM Public Meeting Hooker Conference Room
Minutes

Commissioners in attendance:

In person: Luis Fuentes-Rohwer, Pedro Ramirez, Francisco Ruiz and Ruben Marte

Staff Liaison: Josefa Madrigal,

Absent: Dairo Baez and Amy Oakley

Meeting call to order by Luis Fuentes-Rohwer at 5:30pm

I. Motion to approve the May and June 2022 minutes held to the next meeting. No quorum. Quorum at 6:15pm

Ruben moved for both May and June minutes

Pedro seconded the May 25 minutes

Francisco seconded the June 29 minutes

They both passed 4-0

II. Annie Eakin- Community Wellness Coordinator

Ms. Eakin came to the meeting for two reasons:

- 1) Share community health assessment and process

She provided us with a handout and showed it on the screen

- 2) Ask whether we want to be part of the conversation?

Three Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) community priorities:

- Poverty and navigating health and social services
- Inequity, discrimination and bias
- Substance use and mental health

She came to ask us if we wanted to get involved at an individual level, not for the commission to get involved as a whole

She also hopes we will help spread the word

III. Identify Commission Secretary

Discussed what to do with this position. If nobody volunteers to be secretary, perhaps we can eliminate it from the bylaws and instead create a note taking role that rotates every month

During this conversation, we discussed amending bylaws in general. As part of this conversation, we talked about the history of nonvoting members and whether we should keep them.

IV. Liaison Report

None

IV. Current business

a. Health and Public Safety Report

No report

i. Community outreach

b. Public Relations-

Pedro mentioned that in the July 19 news release from the City asking for people to apply for boards, we were not included.

Also, need to update our website. It is dated.

c. Education-

We discussed how to connect Latino/a parents with MCCSC administrators. That is our task. We have data (anecdotes) from the meeting at Sherwood Oaks that we can share with the administration.

Ruben suggested giving cultural training to the teachers?

Luis will reach out to MCCSC to continue the conversation

As part of this conversation, we discussed having regular meetings with the community. Every three months? Six months?

Also do outreaches to discuss public safety? Ruben did them before.

Then discussed how to get more involved with the Latino community in more areas.

V. Additional Items

a. IU Credit Union Scholarships for Latinx/Hispanic students

IU Credit Union establishment of an annual scholarship program for Hispanic and Latino College bound students. IUCU would like to partner with CHLA in administrating the selection process.

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

VI. Adjournment

Ruben moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:48pm

Next meeting August 31st, 2022