



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

**Wednesday, March 27th, 2024 @ 5:30-7:00 PM  
Public Meeting Hooker Conference Room**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Raquel Anderson, Javier Rosales, Dinorah Sapp, Jimena Olguin, Mariella Arredondo, Alysa Schroff, Verónica Fuentes, Giovanni Rivera. Zoom: Marlo Libel.

**Staff Liaison:** Ximena Martinez

**I.** Call to order at: 5:32 PM

**II.** Approval of February's meeting minutes: Approved

**III. Liaison Report**

**a. Movies in the Parks fall 2024 voting 3 options:**

i. The Book of Life (2014) was chosen. Raquel will attend the event.

**b. IU Credit Union scholarship:**

i. Flyer and application: reviewed, modified, and approved.

ii. Volunteers for the selection committee Jimena, Mariela, Verónica, Giovanni.

**c. Latino interns** Directorio de Recursos en Español y Guía del Proceso para Ingresar a la Universidad was shown to the CHLA.

**d. April Meeting:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm-7:00 pm.

**IV. Current business::**

**a. Education:** Raquel, Dinorah, Alysa, MarieLla – will meet as a group

i. Address counselor BHSS

ii. Organize informational sessions with high school students and parents regarding college

**b. Health Services:** Marlo, Jimena

i. **Interpretation and translation within the health care, especially IU Health** - Met with Sandra Ortiz from IU Department of Spanish and Portuguese, who taught Spanish for medicine. Suggested to connect with interpreter groups. Also met with Amy Beek, IU Health, admitted gaps, and will speak with Marlo; and looked for interpreting courses.

ii. Volunteers not trained

1. **Action point:** Contact the emergency room and see what is available and how they address Spanish-speaking individuals.

**c. Public Relations:** Verónica, Javier / Mariela, Giovanni

i. **Foro Latino de Agencias** – Javier and Verónica cleared some doubts about how to plan it. It was set that the 1st forum with community agencies will take place by the end of July, before the fall semester starts.

ii. **Information / welcome sessions** (2x a year) to cover several topics such as transportation, safety, housing, health, and education, – ideas provided for how to do this.

**d. Updates from prior meetings:**

- i. Fundraising. – Marlo – continue to work on this intentionally

**V. Additional Items**

- a. **Free training "Supporting Next Level T.E.A.M.S."** (90 minutes) offered by the state of Indiana's Office of the Chief Equity, Inclusion, and Opportunity (CEIO). Approved. Mariella will contact the trainer for times and Verónica will create a Doodle poll to identify best time for all.

**VI. Guests/Public Comment**

- a. **Misleny Moreno, IU student, workshop for admission to University** - Host event to parents re: admission to IU, especially First Generation College. Work with education committee to do this, possible beginning of fall semester, other collaborations were also discussed.
- b. **Natalia Galvan and Ruth Aydt from NAACP Education subcommittee, racism in schools.** NAACP issues re: harassment of Black students (background), and their role supporting students, and developing anti-harrasment protocol for the schools. Extend to work with us, here to be a resource. NG gave a background on their work on behalf of BIPOC students, and collaboration with them. They can give us information needed for the education committee. Other recommendations for support / collaboration (re-districting; parent knowledge of the system, keeping ALL public involved).

**VI. Adjournment at: 7:20 PM**