



City Of Bloomington Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs

Wednesday, August 29, 2018

Time: 5:30 p.m.

**Hooker Conference Room #245, City Hall
401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, IN 47404**

In Attendance: Israel Herrera, Shelley Sallee, Josefa Luce, Irasema Rivera, Ruben Martí, Ricardo Martins, Gracia Valiant

Also in attendance: Amy Oakley

Attendee not present: Gavin Everett

Guests: Autumn Salamack – Assistant Director of Sustainability City's Sustainability Action Plan;
Monroe County Sheriff Brad Swain – Monroe Co. Sheriff's Dept.

Christie Popp – Local attorney

Meeting was called to order by Shelley Sallee

Approval of Minutes – July

Change for July minutes:

Motion to approve minutes by Ricardo Martins, second Ruben Marte

I. Liaison Report:

- National Heritage month is coming up (flyers have been provided/emailed)
- Support events, distribute information to others, share events.

II. Old Business

- a. Latino Family Day/ Dia Familiar Latino
 - Latino Family Day did not happen. Lack of support from the commission.

III. New Business

- a. Health and Public Safety Report
 - Gracia received an email from "Smart 911" to register your family online so emergency responders will have information about your household.
 - Sheriff Swain pointed out that he has registered his residence – pets can also be registered, you can include garage codes, upload photographs of the home, note illnesses for family members, etc.
 - Information is not kept local; this is a national program – restricted access to 911 call centers. Information is to be used only for safety purposes.
 - Gracia spoke to Sophia McDowell – Latino Democratic Caucus is looking for people to help register Latino voters.
- b. Cultural Competency Committee Report
 - Gavin and Ricardo finalized Lotus details. Sept. 29th @11am
 - Trying to organize a meeting with Rio Mira to do an interview
- c. Education
 - i. National Hispanic Heritage Month CHLA Awards Ceremony
 1. October 3, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. MCPL Auditorium
 - Everything is located on the website to nominate people for awards



- Israel noted that sometimes in the past people who have been honored with awards are not available to receive award in person due to time constraint.
 - Josefa noted it's up to the commission to determine when to communicate about this – perhaps a special meeting or a doodle poll for voting
2. Co-Commission Project (disproportionate percentage of the Black/African American and Latino/Hispanic student population receiving in-school and out-of-school suspensions at MCCSC)
- Irasema has connected with Julie Warren from Commission on the Status of Children and Youth regarding this project
 - No definite plan of how to move forward
 - Support of commissioners needed/wanted to investigate the information. How can commissioners be a part of this project?
 - Israel met with MCCSC Equity Access and Opportunity to discuss exploring information. The data is outdated, Israel asked for updated data but was told the information is not available for release.
 - High number of black and brown children being suspended as young as kindergarten; Israel would like to follow up with Dr. DeMuth and Dr. Markay Winston about this.
 - Other commissions that have been reached out to include: Status of Black Males, Status of Women, MLK Commission
 - How can we work with MCCSC constructively to bring attention to these matters?
 - Motion to join the Commission on the Status of Children and Youth to support this project brought forth by Irasema, second by remaining commission members
 - Ricardo has started conversations with BHSN to start a Portuguese language program

d. Current Issues

IV. Additional Items

Penny Githens has been invited to attend the next meeting and will attend.

Liz Watson will be here in October

****Notes from Autumn Salamack and Sheriff Brad Swain are on next page

V. Adjournment



Autumn Salamack

- Draft sustainability action plan open for public review
- Strategic plan for the city is in draft mode
- Climate change, energy, waste, water, food & agriculture are included
- City of Bloomington Sustainability Action Plan
- Comments are due on this by August 31st
- Final plan will be submitted for approval in September
- Investment needs to be made to include plan in Spanish

Sheriff Brad Swain:

- Swain says there is very little communication between ICE and Mo. Co. Sheriff's dept.
- If a person is arrested with identification from a different country, sheriff's dept. has to ask if they want to connect with their consulate; if it is a very serious crime (murder, weapons, rape, domestic abuse with weapons) ICE is notified. When a person is arrested, there is a digital fingerprint that feeds into a national database. If ICE is looking for a person whose prints show up, ICE will contact sheriff's dept. for detaining the individual
- Sheriff's dept. does not hold for ICE beyond 48 hours
- Over 4th of July an incident occurred where people were held with warrants longer than usual
- Rarely have ICE holds in Monroe Co. ICE has never requested assistance for help.
- Limited amount of work with federal agencies
- IU ID is not an acceptable form of ID for international students
- ICE has access to NCIC (national finger print registry)
- Military ID, Driver's License, Passport, BMV Identification cards are acceptable forms of ID
- Monroe Co. is a pilot county doing bond reform – judicial systems works to get people out of the jail as soon as possible because of over-crowding
- 48 hour hold is a Supreme Court ruling (Christie Popp pointed out that this is a REQUEST, not a requirement – Sheriff Swain is not going to change policies)
- Concerns about how ID is checked and being used; foreign national discrimination issues
- Local ID could be used as a “starting point” but there would be a vetting process
- Sheriff's office would only contact ICE for serious matters; lowest level would be felony level resisting law enforcement
- Detainers are civil issues not criminal; Marion Co. is no longer doing the 48hr. holds for ICE