



City Of Bloomington Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs

Wednesday, October 31st, 2018

Time: 5:30 p.m.

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

In Attendance: Gracia Valiant, Shelley Sallee, Gavin Everett, Ricardo Martins, Irasema Rivera, Amy Oakley, Josefa Luce

Attendee not present: Israel Herrera, Ruben Marté

Guests: Andy Elliot

Meeting was called to order by Shelley Sallee

Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve minutes with update to Dr. Hayes meeting time 1:30 -
Seconded Gracia

I. Liaison Report:

- Tax season is approaching. CFRD will be hosting tax help services for our Hispanic and Latino members. There will be opportunity for volunteers at intake, tax prep, lead preparer and other help. Currently there is a need for site coordinator. Amy at the United Way is a contact person for this service.
- Puebla a pueblo is this Sunday, November 4th, at City Hall, from 4 to 5:30
- Thanks for all your help with NHHM

II. Old Business

- a. Award Ceremony Recap - It was a great success. The turn out was great and all of those recognized were grateful. Moving forward, it was recommended to keep the kids section for the end of the ceremony.

III. New Business

- a. **Your Life Story: Latino Youth Summit - Gracia** - This is a camp to help Hispanic and Latino middle and high school students deal with trauma and the challenges of being Latino. There is a therapy aspect included to help the children talk and deal with the issues that are directly affecting them. Ricardo motions to continue investigating the Latino Youth Summit. Gavin Seconds.
- b. **Health and Public Safety Report** - Shelley is looking into the changes that are occurring with medicaid and their future status. Many children born in the US to undocumented parents, may be at risk of losing their coverage. Shelley has met with Jennifer Whitley, with IU speech and hearing. Jennifer is running a program for Latinos and is trying to get involved with our local school system and health care providers. Shelley will be meeting with Dr. Winston and how to build a connection between Jennifer and the MCCSC.
- b. **Cultural Competency Committee Report** -
 - a. NAACP Banquet - Gavin - Gavin met with several members of the community at the NAACP Banquet. Justin Crossley, the Director of WTIU IU Radio-TV Services, asked to feature stories from our Hispanic and Latino community members. Gavin will share



the email from Mr. Crossley to the rest of the Commission so we can help spread great cultural awareness.

- b. Black and Brown Arts Festival is currently being pre-planned. Gavin will update the commission with more information as it becomes available. Gavin will share the information about the preliminary meeting.
- c. Irasema and Amy held a meeting to discuss unfair disciplinary action for children of color. Suspension and expulsion rates are exceptionally higher for children of color versus their white counterparts. While there were no members from the MCCSC present, Irasema and Amy did make an effort to set up a future meeting with the MCCSC.
- c. **Education -** No updates at this time
- d. **Current Issues -** Harassment and discrimination at the local YMCA. Gracia called the YMCA to speak with the executive director. They were unaware of the incident earlier that day. The YMCA has said they will follow up with this issue in the next 2 days. If the CHLA does not find sufficient evidence they have worked to fix this issue, then the CHLA will contact the Commission on Human Rights.
- e. **Meeting in December**
- f. **Commission leadership changes -** Shelley Sallee is stepping down from the Chairperson position. Nominations are open. Current nominations for Chair are Gavin Everett, Israel Herrera, Irasema Rivera. Nominations for Secretary is Amy Oakley. Voting will occur at the November meeting.

IV. Additional Items

V. Adjournment