



City Of Bloomington Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

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, Amy Oakley, Josefa Luce, Israel Herrera, Ruben Martí, Nico Sigler

Attendee not present:

Guests: Carmen Hanne - Ochoa

Meeting was called to order by Gavin Everett

I. Approval of November Minutes – Shelley motions to approve minutes, Seconded by Gracia

II. Liaison Report

a. Fiesta del Otoño September 21st, 2019, Spanish Language Tax site by appointments only

III. Old Business

a. Your story your life: Latino Youth Summit

- i. City of Bloomington and commission should spearhead efforts to promote the program
- ii. MCCSC has funding, can help with the development of the program. MCCSC can work with campus and community partners to find funding
- iii. We will not be able to make the program happen this year but possibly next year. This will give us plenty of time to find a space, secure funding, and be strategic about how best to organize the camp
- iv. Gracia would like to extend offer to Irasema to help with this project
- v. Focus should be on middle school aged children in Monroe County.

b. Black y Brown Arts Festival

- i. Gavin reports “event” dates are Tues. 5/14, Fri. 5/17, Sat. 5/18 @ Banneker
- ii. Ivy Tech John Waldron Arts Center has donated space for the festival for the week. There will be art for sale, and additional programs taking place.
- iii. Tuesday will be a “block party” and will include performances from local bands Fat Pockets, Side Hustle, and Huckleberry Funk. There will be a stage set up and this evening will give CHLA an opportunity to engage with the community and let them know who we are and what we do in the community – we can discuss topics in the future.
- iv. Friday night will feature a “mature” art experience that includes dance, spoken word, poetry, etc. An Invitation has been extended to Baba Stafford (African American Dance Co.)
- v. Festival allows us to get CHLA branding out into the public and will offer art, performances, jewelry, etc.

IV. New Business

a. NHHM CHLA Award Ceremony date/time/location

- i. Ricardo motions to suggest Oct. 7th and to extend an invite to Mayor Hamilton to join, Seconded by Nico

b. Sujei Vega Mexico Remixed Visit Feb. 26-27

- i. Author – wrote a book about Latinos in Indiana
- ii. Feb. 26th Reception and discussion being planned, Location is TBD

c. Health and Public Safety Report



- i. Shelley has nothing to report at this time
 - ii. Ruben reminded us that Martinsville Police Chief will join us at the next commission meeting along with IUPD from Gary campus
- d. Cultural Competency
 - i. Dr. Ochoa (Director of Diversity and Inclusion at IU College of Arts and Sciences) reached out because she is responsible for looking at ways to maintain and retain POC at Indiana University.
 - ii. COAS is working to develop an interactive hiring guide that would include suggestions for doctors, specialists, barbers, beauticians, LatinX owned businesses. The guide would be expanded to include similar information for Black, African Americans, Chinese, Korean, Native Americans, and Indian constituents
 - iii. Difference of opinion about involvement of commission with Indiana University – We will revisit this topic at the March meeting.
- e. Education
 - i. Israel moves to nominate Ed Hinds and Luis Hernandez for the BeMore Awards. He would also like to nominate 2 of the grade level students who were presented with awards at last year's NHHM awards
 - ii. Israel makes motion to nominate Ed Hinds and Luis Hernandez and 2 students. Shelley approves, Gracia 2nd.
- f. Current Issues
 - i. Shelley will update at future meeting

V. Additional Items

- a. Street Fair April 28th
 - i. Kirkwood Ave. Gracia motions to participate, Seconded by Ricardo
- b. Fundraising
 - i. We are one of the few commissions that does not raise money
 - ii. Gavin would like the commission to begin looking at ways to fundraise
 - 1. CHLA has a city account but we need to raise money for awards and programming. We need to look into grant opportunities.
 - 2. Similar to “We serve all” business decals, we could create something like a “We speak _Spanish_, _Portuguese_, _French_”
 - 3. Branding for CHLA – We should look at creating a logo that we can use in the community and make visible at programmed events.
- c. Grant Proposal
 - i. Explore grant options for the community. No one on the commission has experience writing grants – but several of us are interested and have a willingness to learn.
- d. Support Hate Crime Legislation
 - i. Nico makes motion to support, Seconded by Shelley

VI. Adjournment