



## City of Bloomington Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs

**Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 5:30  
Hooker Conference Room #245, City Hall  
401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, IN 47404**

In attendance: Amy Oakley, Ruben Marte, Gracia Valiant, Ricardo Martins, Josefa Luce, Shelley Sallee

Attendee not present: Gavin Everett, Israel Herrera, Nico Sigler

**Guest(s): Adriana Mendoza**

**I. Approval of (February 6) minutes – Gracia approves, Shelly seconds**

### **II. Liaison Report-**

- a. Event at Shalom Center, March 30<sup>th</sup> 10-2pm, 12-1:30 shift – food will be served and we need volunteers, 1-2 commissioners, and community members needed. This will provide an opportunity for Latinos to get involved and see how volunteerism works and the impact it makes.

### **III. Old Business-**

- a. Your life your story/LatinoYouthSummit: Gracia
  - i. Amy, Gracia, and Rafi will be meeting in 2 weeks. We'll provide an update at that time. Irasema has been invited to participate.
- b. Black y Brown Arts Fest
  - i. We have been granted a time to close the street and they are offering us a time frame in which we can advertise the commission
  - ii. Ricardo suggests that we advertise our events can reconvene convivio
- c. NHHM CHLA Award Ceremony – Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30-6:30pm Council Chambers #115
- d. Suje Vega Mexico Remix update
  - i. Ricardo attended this event – Suje is a professor that used to work with outreach on the Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs in Lafayette
  - ii. Suje suggested that we work with churches to connect us to schools regarding the issues of black and brown children and suspensions
  - iii. Suggested reaching out to and invites second language teachers to the March meeting; potentially members of the PTO in the future
- e. Street fair Sunday, April 28- Commissioners attending
  - i. Time is 12-4pm (setup earlier); Ricardo and Amy can be available

### **IV. New Business-**

- a. Revision of CHLA's Mission Statement
  - i. Do we need to make changes?

- ii. The current mission appears to cover all areas in which the commission is aimed at addressing
- b. CHLA's Guidelines for guest participation
  - i. Anytime you want to extend an invitation to a special guest, you must get approval from the commissioners
  - ii. Ruben suggests that we revise the section about "the guest will provide a draft" to "the guest **may** provide a draft" of what they intend to speak about
  - iii. Ruben suggests that we only have 1 speaker at a time
  - iv. Ricardo will update the guidelines based on suggestions
  - v. Guidelines can be a working document that we will update as needed.
- c. Health and Public Safety Report
  - i. Shelley reports on the HPV vaccine CDC grant presented to IU Health- ages 11-26 focused on non US citizens who don't have insurance. They can go to community health or VIM on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Possibly advertise on Hola Bloomington.
  - ii. Shelley has had conversations with Gracia about connecting with Chief of Police again to have another meeting regarding new immigrants in our community; Would really like to include Ruben in this meeting.
  - iii. Christie Popp could be involved
  - iv. Ricardo and Ruben will meet with Chief Probation Officer Linda Brady on 2/28 to have a conversation to see what we can do in relation to the support groups. Currently, there are no community support programs offered only in Spanish.
  - v. Should Ruben invite Linda Brady to the March meeting; Ricardo motions to invite, Shelley seconds
- d. Cultural Competency Committee report
- e. Education
  - a. Shelley met with steering committee, these are monthly meetings. MCCSC is moving forward with programs; Rafi is doing bias trainings. MCCSC would like the commission to provide stories that we are hearing about Latino children in schools.
  - b. we need to be confidential about the Latino families that are involved
  - c. anything that goes to parents or teachers must go through the superintendent's office – we would like to create/provide an "implicit bias" leaflet to send home to families.
- f. Current Issues—
  - a. Gracia reports that there are still ICE holds happening in our community;
  - b. There are cases of sexual abuse of children happening at the boarder
  - c. people who are in custody that are fasting are being force-fed
  - d. There are several events coming up in our community and nationally bringing awareness to these issues. As a commission, we cannot do anything because this is political.

We need to educate and provide the facts so they can make their own decisions

## **V. Additional Items**

- a. Fundraising ideas for Black y Brown, Award Ceremony, Scholarship; Our commission does not do fundraisers
- b. Grant Proposals: Ricardo wants to provide a list of things that Hispanic and Latino people in our community.
  - 1. Potentially host a booth to advertise; or stand up at the end of congregation to advertise.
  - 2. What kinds of event: lunches, cocktail hours, salsa dancing night (charge admission) writing letters to agencies – we need to specify what the money is for.
- c. Gracia is going to resign from the commission but will continue to help with the Latino Camp event

## **VI. Adjournment**