



Wednesday, April 25, 2019 at 5:30
Kelley Conference Room, City Hall
401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, IN 47404
AGENDA

In Attendance: Gavin Everett, Ricardo Martins, Adriana Mendoza, Ruben Marte, Israel Herrera, Amy Oakley, Josefa Luce

Also in Attendance: Patricia Cologne (IU Health tobacco cessation program), Juan Carlos Carrasquel, Ivan (IU PhD student interested in the commission)

Not in Attendance: Shelley Sallee, Nico Sigler

Meeting called to order by Gavin Everett

Guest(s):

I. Approval of minutes

- i. Ricardo Martins motions to approve; Ruben seconds

II. Liaison Report- Paper flower at the Street Fair

- i. Arrive at 10am; Kirkwood Ave. Gavin, Amy and Josefa will be there.

III. Current business

a. Health and Public Safety Report

- a. Shelley is working to get Mike Diekoff (agreed) and Brad Swain to discuss concerns about Latinos not reporting battery, harassment, etc. Also to include the “do’s and don’ts” when being pulled over
- b. Ricardo will go to the churches to let them know when the session will be held
- c. Ruben suggests inviting Erica Oliphant to join
- d. It is important that we do this right so this community of Latinos will gain our trust and come to us when in need; we should consider offering this every 3 months
- e. Ricardo has been talking with Chief Jason Moore at the fire dept. to encourage them to hire Latino’s at the fire department; efforts to recruit

b. Cultural Competency Committee report

- a. Black and Brown cultural competency report; 3 days of programming; we need support from the commission – not to staff but to just be there and support and promote outreach for our commission

c. Education

- a. Israel reports end of the year los [redacted] Monroe Public Library, Friday 4/26 at 4pm; community members, children making instruments, Latino in the finals for Battle of the Bands.
- b. Latino camp – needs commission support – need to identify next steps

d. Current Issues

Juan Carrasquel-Parking Garage

- a. Juan has a business that is at risk of being taken over by the new city parking garage. At this time there has been no action taken by the city but eminent domain is not off the table. Juan feels the building is not needed for the garage, rather the city just needs to build higher. Juan is asking the commission for our support to recommend that no hostile action will take place. This building is a dream come true for Juan and he does not want to leave the location.
- b. Juan purchased the building about a year ago.



- c. Gavin feels we can ask the city not to consider this, but we cannot force them to do anything
- d. Juan has spoken with the Chamber of Commerce, Bloomington Board of Realtors. Wants to advocate for height. The difference between keeping Juan's location and vacating is only about 40 parking spots. Juan is working with an attorney but is trying to avoid litigation. There have been some "ideas" made about how to compromise, but no offers have been made at this time. City has offered to buy the building, offered to relocate him (build him a space within the garage – he could lease it but the building would likely only last 50 years. Also offered a potential swap of property but the current property is right in the center of town and is visible from four different directions.
- e. Israel believes that we are the body to hear concerns for Latinos and feels that we can support this. City Counsel, Mayor's office, Common Counsel, Planning Dept., are all involve. Josefa reports that Beverly says the commission cannot be hostile towards the city, but we can provide support and advocate. We can write a letter to support Juan's request with the details that have been provided. Juan calls for a sentiment and message of unity to Latino's in the community. Time is of the essence in the matter.
- f. We need more facts on this matter to determine if a letter of support is appropriate. We can present a concern.
- g. Ricardo motions to DRAFT a letter; Israel seconds – motions passes

CHLA Listening Session at different session. Concern's for community

Do's and Don'ts

V. **Additional Items**

VI. **Adjournment**

Adjourns at 7:11pm

Next meeting date: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 5:30 PM Hooker #245

Gavin Everett, Chair
Ricardo Martins, Vice Chair
Amy Oakley, Secretary
Ruben Marte, Commissioner
Israel Herrera, Commissioner
Shelley Sallee, Commissioner
Nico Sigler, Commissioner
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