



City Of Bloomington Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs

Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at 5:30

Kelley Conference Room, City Hall

401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, IN 47404

AGENDA

In Attendance: Gavin Everett, Amy Oakley, Shelley Sallee, Israel Herrera, Ricardo Martins, Josefa Luce, Nico Sigler, Ruben Marte

Not in Attendance: Ivan Maceda

Guest(s): Guillermo Carrasquel, Francisco Ruiz

I. **Approval of minutes-** September 2019

- i. Shelley Sallee motions to approve; Nico Sigler seconds

II. **Liaison Report-** Annual Meeting in September/ Annual report September (DUE!);

- a. We will be needing a vice chair for the commission as a result of Ricardo's departure
 - i. Nico Sigler nominated by Shelley Sallee to serve in Vice Chair position; motion to approve by Ruben Marte, second by Shelley Sallee. Commission approves Nico Sigler to serve as Vice Chair
- b. Holiday Assistance Program 2019 Applications due November 15
- c. Spanish Language Tax Services: Seeking bilingual volunteers.
 - i. Looking for volunteers for Spanish Language tax site at City Hall. Training is available through United Way, appointments will be on Saturday mornings.
- d. Annual Award Ceremony Total Invoice for medals: \$569.75;

III. **Current business**

- a. Health and Public Safety Report
 - i. Ruben is working with Morgan Co. sheriff's dept. and Wayne James (IUPD) to further conversations. Ruben met with Latino students and Lilian Casillas at Teter
 - ii. Shelley reports that the clinic will begin seeing people beginning Dec. 30. They are still looking for medical doctors, dental assistants, dentists, front office staff, nurses, etc. The clinic's new name will be the "Bloomington Family Health and Dental Center"
- b. Cultural Competency
 - i. Ricardo is continuing to pursue updating the list of Hispanic and Latino business owners, etc. and is working with Carmen Henne-Ochoa and Lillian Casillas to merge multiple lists for a final comprehensive list.
- c. Education
 - i. Recipients for Outstanding HS students were recognized in Indianapolis
 - ii. Israel is also working with Rafi Hasan's (MCCSC) team to promote diversity and equity – additional efforts will start in November.
 - iii. Israel is working with a committee that will be working to revise materials that provide Spanish education in the classroom for teachers and the Spanish Immersion program.
- d. Black y Brown Arts Festival- meetings TBD
 - i. Oct. 16th meeting was postponed; working to find another day of the week that will work for commissioners to be involved
- e. El Mercado Proposal
 - i. Ricardo has been in touch with Corinne. Corinne wants El Mercado to be an artisan market (modeled after farmers market) for minorities; Corinne will draft a new proposal to ask for the commission's endorsement and support.



f. Herald Times

- i. There is a new editor and chief at the HT. Gavin has had dialogue with him about the commission and Hispanic and Latino community members not feeling supported. He has informed Gavin that nor he or the HT is bias and has invited commissioners to visit and meet with HT staff. There are concerns among the commissioners that there is not “balance.”

g. Commission Appreciation

- i. Friday, November 15th at 5:30 p.m. Will take place at Cascades newly renovated clubhouse. Spoken word poetry event will be taking place at Don Griffin Realty following this event
- ii. Black y Brown Arts festival is forming sub-committees; Brandon Palmore is working with students that will foster arts and culture in the community.

V. Additional Items

- a. Ricardo – Ricardo is stepping down from his role as Vice Chair of the commission and will fully depart
- b. 1 voting commission role, 1 non-voting commission role currently open
- c. Nico motions to combine the November/December meeting to Dec. 4th at 5:30 p.m.; Shelley seconds

Additional-

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Next meeting date: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 5:30 PM Kelly Conference Room

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