



## City Of Bloomington Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs

Wednesday, December 4, 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, Josefa Luce, Nico Sigler, Ivan Maceda

Not in Attendance: Ruben Marte

Guests: Patricia Colon, Sophia McDowell, Luis Fuentes-Rohwer, Francisco Ruiz, Corinne Serini

### Guest(s):

#### I. Approval of minutes- October 2019

- i. Shelley motions to approve; Nico seconds. All in favor.

#### II. Liaison Report-

- a. Saturday, Mayor is hosting a "Farmers Market: consider our options 2-3:30pm; ACLC will be in attendance along with police chief from video call Charleston, Indiana University Maurer School of Law Richard S. Melvin Professor of Law Jeannine Bell, Indiana University Maurer School of Law Professor Steve Sanders, and American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana Executive Director Jane Heneger.
- b. Still looking for bilingual individuals for Tax Services through United Way. Interested individuals can contact Amy at United Way. Trainings are still taking place.
- c. Holiday assistance program has been taking place through the city for ~10 years; ages range from newborn to 12 years old. 40+ applications with over 90 children; all have been matched with sponsors at this time.

#### III. Current business

##### a. Health and Public Safety Report

- i. Shelley reports that the clinic is moving along. Should open around Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>. More Spanish speaking people are needed to apply, specifically for the front desk.
- ii. Clinic will see both people with insurance and without insurance, and all ages. There will also be a sliding scale/co-pay fee.
- iii. "The Border is Here" meeting at the library was a great event; included a story about a local resident that was detained by the sheriff and the impact that has had on him. We need more commissioners to attend events like this and speak out about this. (ie letters to the editor, etc.) CHLA should make a statement on this topic.

##### b. Cultural Competency

- i. Bloomington Black & Brown - meetings December 12 @12noon
  - a. Commissioners: Amy, Nico, Gavin, Iván
  - b. Looking at utilizing switchyard park for some events; also looking at moving the date to a time when students are still in school to be more inclusive of the community

##### c. Education

- i. Israel met with Rafi Hasan and Dr. Winston (MCCSC) and created the "Diversity and Inclusion Spotlight Awards." These awards will have ongoing recognition and recipients will be recognized at MCCSC school board meetings. The commission should support the schools and say something positive about this program. Is there anything the commission can do to support the teachers?

##### d. El Mercado

- i. Corinne Serini has shared El Mercado goals; to create a space where minorities can come together and share art, information, workshops, etc. There are currently about 13 vendors that attend regularly.



- ii. There has been a struggle to find a consistent space for this event. Need to connect with more community partners to locate a space.
- iii. Corinne would like for CHLA to endorse the market; share events on social media, etc.
- e. 2020-2021 CHLA Goals
  - i. What can we do to support our constituents as it pertains to health and wellness and local law enforcement; 1x per quarter – Health Net Bloomington could be a great location for events
  - ii. Focus on non-immigration issues
  - iii. CHLA should be invested in local issues and discussing on a monthly basis and crafting letters when needed. We also need to point out when something is good.
  - iv. Asking more Hispanic and Latino community members to be involved in the commission to make decisions.
  - v. Revisit past goals to see if we have met those or if we need to revisit them
  - vi. Possibly host a commission retreat to come up with fresh ideas

**IV. Additional Items**

- i. Patricia Colon (IU Health – Bloomington Hospital) shares that she is working to create a youth collation to share information with students on smoking and tobacco use, health awareness, with a peer-to-peer mentoring focus. Ages are 13-18; prevention care focused. 53% of middle school students are using tobacco products; 68% of high school students are using tobacco products.

**VI. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at: 7:06pm

**Next meeting date: Wednesday, January 29, 2019 at 5:30 PM Hooker #245**

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