



City Of Bloomington Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs
Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 5:30 PM Hooker #245
City Hall 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, IN 47404
AGENDA

The Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs (CHLA) works to identify and research the issues which impact the Hispanic and Latino populations in Bloomington, especially in the areas of health, education, public safety and cultural competency. CHLA responsibilities include: developing action committees, promote positive remedies for issues confronting Latinos, network with like-minded organizations, and celebrate Latino and Hispanic history and contributions to the Bloomington Community.

In Attendance: Amy Oakley, Shelley Sallee, Israel Herrera, Josefa Luce, Ivan Maceda, Ruben Marte

Not in Attendance: Gavin Everett, Nico Sigler

Guest(s): Patricia Colon, Gracia Valliant, Sean Starowitz, Luis Fuentes-Rohwer, Guillermo Carrasquel

I. Approval of minutes- December 2019

- i. Ruben motions to approve; Ivan seconds. All in favor.

II. Liaison Report- Congratulation on reappointment Commissioners Ruben Marte and Ivan Maceda

III. Current business

a. Israel

- i. Israel reports that he will depart from the commission for an opportunity to serve on two other city commissions

b. Health and Public Safety Report

- i. Ruben reports on collaboration with Morgan Co. sheriffs dept. on trainings that will be taking place. Ruben has also met with IU students at LaCasa and will continue to have ongoing conversations with students along with Dept. Superintendent, Wayne James, from IUPD
- ii. Shelley reports that the clinic is officially open. The entire VIM staff has stayed and two of the physicians are bilingual and speak Spanish, there are also Spanish speaking staff members. There are close to 20 employees at this time. The clinic will also be seeing children in the near future, and bringing a dentist on staff. There is a sliding scale fee for payment but the clinic will not turn anyone away if they are unable to pay.

c. Cultural Competency

i. Bloomington Black & Brown - update

- a. Commissioners: Amy, Nico, Gavin, Iván – Sean Starowitz from City of Bloomington reports that mid or late June dates are being determined but final dates have not been solidified. Switchyard Park will be utilized this year.
- b. Commission is looking for more Latino representation this year and asks for the commission's assistance in helping to find musicians, artists, etc. for the Bloomington Black & Brown

d. Education-

- i. Anything CHLA can do to support teachers? Israel reports there is a new MCCSC recognition program that highlights diversity, equity and inclusion. We should reach out to students in local schools to notify them about the commission. The schools are currently doing cultural competency and bias training. The commission would like to reach out to Rafi to see if he can update us on what is happening in schools. Are trainings required, etc.
- ii. CHLA NHHM Award Ceremony Date/Location needs to be determined in the near future. Josefa will check to see if Switchyard is available. Library is an options but parking is bad. City Chambers feels "sterile."



e. 2020-2021 CHLA Goals

i. Weekend retreat to discuss goals for 2020

1. Awards Ceremony
2. Black y Brown Arts Festival
3. City of Bloomington Street Fair participation
4. Fiesta del Otono
5. Fundraising

ii. Special Meeting to discuss goals for 2020 – this could happen on an evening, weekend, etc.

iii. Dedicate next meeting for goals for 2020

IV. Additional Items

- a. CHLA Meeting days/times for 2020 – follow up discussion at the next meeting. Is Wed. afternoon an option?
- b. Border is here follow up – Immigrant Justice Task Force is still working with sheriff dept. to not do ICE holds, keeping families together, how to get the community more involved, and how to work more closely with county commissioners and county council.

V. Guests/Public Comment (Please allow 3 minutes per guest)

- a. City Market- Gracia Valliant reports that the city market created a task force and she is a part of this. The mission is to interact with the community to determine how to make the market feel more welcoming for all. They are looking at inclusive programming, looking to increase minority vendors. The next meeting is Feb. 13th at 5:30pm and is open to the public.
- b. Add discussion about Venezuelan passports expiring and not being renewed

VI. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm

Next meeting February 26, 2020