



**City Of Bloomington
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**Wednesday, June 24, 2020
at 6:00 PM Zoom Public Meeting
MINUTES**

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, Dario Baez, Gavin Everett, Francisco Ruiz, Luis Fuentes-Rohwer, Nico Sigler, Josefa Luce, Ivan Maceda, Ruben Marte

Also in Attendance: Natalia Gavin, Ricardo Martins, Israel Herrera, Guillermo Carrasquel, Abby Ang

I. Approval of minutes- May 27, 2020 / Special meeting June 3, 2020

- i. Shelley motions to approve the May 27, 2020 minutes; Luis seconds May 2020 minutes passed. All in favor.
- ii. Shelley motions to approve the special meeting minutes from June 3rd; Luis seconds; special meeting minutes from June 2020 passed. All in favor.

II. Liaison Report-

- i. N/A

III. Current business

a. Health and Public Safety Report

- i. HealthNet has hired a new NP that is now seeing children with another one to likely begin in July. It's the first time the clinic has been able to see children in 13 years.
- ii. There is now some funding available to assist with some medical bills for patients with no health insurance and outstanding medical bills
- iii. Dr. Labban will begin seeing uninsured OB patients again
- iv. Ruben reports that implicit bias training is back on track with Morgan Co. sheriff's department and will begin in July and end in July.

b. Cultural Competency

- i. Ivan, Nico and Luis have created a draft letter for review pertaining to those individuals who are working and paying taxes, but did not receive a stimulus check because they are immigrants without a social security number. Should we consider collaborating with local attorneys who may be willing to assist or provide pro bono services to represent those individuals who fall into this category? A pending class action lawsuit has been filed regarding this matter.
- ii. Ivan suggests that we emphasize in the letter those individuals who are a citizen but married to a non-citizen are not getting a stimulus check.

- iii. Ricardo cautions us to consider future laws that may be put into place that will penalize those who ask for assistance. Currently, there are laws in place that prohibit those who ask for certain types of assistance from obtaining citizenship.
- c. Education
 - i. School procedures are still up in the air at this time. We may want to consider waiting until spring 2021, and we may want to consider a venue outside of the schools.
 - ii. CHLA will begin sending out nomination information to the community for submissions; we'll continue to discuss how we will move forward with an in person event for the future.
- d. Fundraising goals
 - i. Communication with Gabe Colman regarding a charitable outreach group at Congregation Beth Shalom at Jewish congregation in Bloomington. A yearly event is held that brings in nearly \$5000 which is then turned over to as a charitable gift. The congregation has an interest in supporting the Black y Brown Arts festival.
 - ii. Conversations should continue on how we can fundraise in creative ways for scholarships, Black y Brown festival or other CHLA programming.

IV. Additional Items

- i. N/A

V. Guests/Public Comment (Please allow 3-5 minutes per guest)

VI. Adjournment

- i. Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm

Next meeting July 29, 2020