



**City Of Bloomington
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Wednesday, January 27, 2021

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.

I. Approval of December 30, 2020 minutes.

- i. Shelly made a motion to approve December 30, 2020 minutes, Luis Fuentes-Rohwer seconds; Minutes passed.

II. Liaison Report-

- i. Josefa informed the commission about United Way Tax services for Spanish speaking community members.
- ii. Nico informed the commission on the annual report that was given to the Bloomington City Council on January 20, 2021.

III. Current business

a. Health and Public Safety Report

- i. Shelley talked to the commission about how the COVID-19 vaccines were being distributed in the community.
- ii. Ruben spoke about his conversations with the Indiana University Police Chief and how they handle Spanish speaking students.

b. Cultural Competency

- i. Nico spoke about El Mercado's new relationship with the Banneker Center and the events they will have in the coming months.

c. Education-

- i. Luis informed the commission about a meeting that he and Nico will have with Rafi about the MCCSC's efforts to help their Latino students.

IV. Additional Items

a. MCCSC

i. Pedro informed the commission about a letter that was sent by the Black Democratic Caucus that urged the school board to hire an African American Super Intendent. He then asked if the commission could or would push for a Latino candidate for the position of Superintendent.

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

VI. Adjournment

- i. Ruben makes motion to adjourn, Shelley seconds; the Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Next meeting March 31, 2021