



City Of Bloomington Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs

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Wednesday, March 31, 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.

In Attendance: Amy Oakley, Josefa Madrigal, Nico Sigler, Luis Fuentes-Rowher, Shelley Sallee, Dairo Baez, Pedro Ramirez, Ruben Martí

Not in Attendance: Francisco Ruiz

Guest: Purdue Puentes Project- Floridelma Ramirez, Israel Herrera

- I. Approval of February minutes 2021.**
 - a. TBA**
- II. Liaison Report- COVID19 Vaccines for Spanish Speaking members.**
 - a.** Many of the Spanish speaking community members are not signing up to get the COVID vaccine. Josefa, Shelly and Luis are working with community groups, and groups within IU, to send out information in Spanish and to answer questions.
 - b.** The idea of a pop up mobile unit for Spanish speaking community members has been suggested to the Monroe County Health Department.
- III. Current business**
 - a. Health and Public Safety Report**
 - i. HealthNet is not currently giving vaccines because vaccines need to be used within a specific time period and there are a lot of "no-shows."
 - ii. Currently, the only way to register to get vaccinated is online, which can create a barrier for some.
 - b. Cultural Competency**
 - i. Bias, Xenophobic and discrimination at Monroe County-update**
 - 1.** Nico was notified that the State of Indiana got involved with the incident that took place
 - ii. El Mercado**
 - 1.** Will be taking place on April 11th from 12-4pm at the Banneker Community Center
 - 2.** El Mercado will need to switch from an LLC to a non-profit in order to get sponsorships in the future.
 - iii. Black y Brown Arts Festival**
 - 1.** Josefa will meet with Sean and Shatoya on 4.1 to discuss logistics and if this event will resume in 2021.
 - c. Education**
 - i. Spanish Immersion Program at Summit

1. Luis would like to get the new superintendent of MCCSC to come to a future meeting.
2. There is a group of teachers and the principle at Summit who would like to see that students who are a part of the Spanish Immersion program at Summit to have transportation provided – similar to students who are in ALPS and bussed to University Elementary.
 - a. An initial “ask” was denied
 - b. The school would like support from the commission to help support this initiative. We need more information to identify the barriers.

IV. Additional/New Items

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

- a. Purdue Puentes Project: Latino Youth in farmworker families

VI. Adjournment

- a. Amy motions to adjourn, Shelley seconds. Meeting adjourned at 6:41pm

Next meeting April 28, 2021