



City Of Bloomington Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs

City Of Bloomington Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs Wednesday, April 28, 2021

April 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, Francisco Ruiz, Luis Fuentes-Rowher, Shelley Sallee, Dairo Baez, Pedro Ramirez, Ruben Martí

Not in Attendance: Nico Sigler,

Guest: Dr. Hauswald, MCCSC superintendent

- I. Introductions
- II. Dr. Hauswald
 - a. Dr. Hauswald is spending a lot of time in the school
 - b. Meeting with groups of 12-15 teachers, students, parents, and family members
 - c. On target to meet with over 1000 ppl.
 - d. Will move to Bloomington July 1st.
- III. Approval of March Minutes 2021
 - a. Shelley motions to approve March Minutes, Dairo Seconds; March 2021 minutes are approved.
- IV. Liaison Report- COVID19 Vaccines for Spanish Speaking members.
 - a. Josefa reports that there is a collaboration between the commission and the MoCo Health department , El Centro Comunal, IU La Casa others on May 10, and June 7th from 12-6pm at the Convention Center with the Moderna vaccine. Bilingual volunteers are needed.
 - b. CHLA Commissioners interested in assisting with interpreting, registration and exit monitoring. Health Department can train volunteers/ Spanish Speakers with registration. El Centro can do a mini training session for interpreters.
- V. Current business
 - a. Health and Public Safety Report
 - i. Hispanic and Latino community members are signing up to get the vaccine (this is good news!)
 - ii. Shelley has had two meetings with Exodus out of Indianapolis who helps to relocate refugees when they arrive. Bloomington has been named a welcomed community.
 - b. Cultural Competency
 - i. El Mercado
 - 1. Dairo has been working with El Mercado and El Centro will help with some sponsorship.
 - 2. This will be a great opportunity for Latino business owners
 - ii. Black y Brown Arts Festival

1. August 8 (Sunday)
2. Hispanic/Latino artist (all type of art)
3. Switchyard Park
4. CHLA, Safe and Civil City, ESD, Parks and Recreation, Banneker Center.
5. Pedro raises questions about involvement of Commission on the Status of Black Males with the event, and should the event be renamed given that the Hispanic and Latino population is higher than the Black population in the city and members of the commission have historically taken on the larger planning role.

c. Education

- i. Luis reports that he met with the Principle at Summit Elementary to discuss the issue of transportation. He is optimistic that the new Superintendent will be supportive of options that can get kids who want to participate in the duo-language classrooms transported to the schools.

VI. Additional/New Items

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

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Next meeting May 26, 2021