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Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs

Meeting Notes

Friday, June 19, 2020 8:30-10:30

Commissioners Present:

Caleb Knutson
Marlu Abarca
Lorena Gingerich
Gilbert Nunez
Alfonzo Perez
Louis Moreno
Dalina Sajadian

DHR Staff Present

Monica Stone

Public Members

NONE

- I. Call to order and Introductions Caleb Knutson **8:33 am**
- II. Approval of meeting minutes from March 9, 2020, April 23, 2020 and may 26, 2020 **Marlu made Motion; Dalila, Second; passed unanimously**
- III. Update from the Iowa Department of Human Rights Monica Stone
Monica and Gilbert talked about different resources available during this time to the community, including some information on “Know Your Rights” when it comes to finances.
- IV. Discussion of how to proceed with the 2020 Latino Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.
 - A. Date for 2019 Ceremony: 10/19/2019
 - B. Location for 2019 Ceremony: Des Moines Art Center

Marlu suggested reaching out to Iowa PBS + Hola to help stream the event; we would still hold the event for the inductees and their families at the Art Center since it is large enough for the families to remain socially distant.

Dalila, Gilbert, Lorena recommended inductees be invited to next year’s Ceremony to be a part of that event in person.



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VII. Update from the Commission Initiatives and discussion on getting more community involvement:

Commissioners Caleb, Dalila, Gilbert, and Lorena agreed that they would like to see the Community become more involved in the Commission's initiatives by taking ownership of the following:

- A. Hall of Fame - **Historic Latino Families from Valley Junction (Founders of Valley Junction cinco de mayo celebration, and Day of the Dead Celebration)**
- B. Day on the Hill (legislative committee) - **LULAC**
- C. PILA - **Independent communities across Iowa (Marshalltown, Des Moines, Quad Cities, etc.)**
- D. IQCC Coalition - **Soon to be an independent non-profit!**
- E. Iowa Latinos You Have to Know - **Hola Iowa and PILA**

VIII. New Commission Committees Chairs/Representatives:

- A. Day on the Hill
Louis, Chair; Marlu, Vice-Chair
- B. Hall of Fame
Gilbert, Chair; Lorena Vice-Chair
- C. Iowa Queer Communities of Color Coalition
Marlu, Commission Representative
- D. Iowa Latinos You have to Know
Caleb spearheading
- E. DHR Board Representative
Gilbert, Caleb/AI back-up

Caleb will be a part of the American Planning Association Panel as part of the Polk County Housing Trust Fund, Affordable Housing Week - Oct 14, during Latino Heritage Mo

IX. Adjourn Caleb Knutson **9:15 am**

Next Meeting: Friday, September 11,



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