

COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS
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MINUTES February 22 and March 29, 2002

February 2002 Meeting:

Present:

Francisca Leyva-Johnson, Amanda Vallejo, Diego Castellanoz (conference call) and Gabe Silva.

Guests: Josue Delgado, Pedro Cabrera, Emma Delgado, Rosaline Alegria-Peterson, Maria Swan, Jose Ibarra, Dogoberto Morales, Kathy Keese, Argelia Whittington.

No business was handled during this meeting because we were not able to reach quorum. (There were enough commissioners available for this meeting but the conference call capability at the Medford office was insufficient)

The meeting was opened up for introductions and input from Medford area residents. Areas of input included:

- * Lack of healthcare interpreters is a concern and healthcare institutions need to be aware of this.
- *Need on-going programs for Latino youth
- *Awareness is needed about attorneys who provide services pro-bono.
- *Complimentary comments about the Commission and their testifying about important legislative issues. However, more presence is need in Medford.
- * Racism is an on-going problem and concern
- * Medical needs for Latinos need to be at the forefront of our efforts
- * Reductions in services and care for Latinos is a concern statewide
- * The Commission is encouraged to continue with the Latino Youth Summits
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March 2002 Meeting:

Present:

Francisca Leyva-Johnson, Jason Leon, Gabe Silva, Nita Werner (conf. call), Lucy Veliz (conf. call), Jose Ibarra (conf. call).

Guests: Steven Bender, Legislative Fiscal Office and Satish Upadhyam, DAS.

Note: Information in italics is action items.

Welcome and Introductions: All present, including the visitors listed above, introduced themselves for our meeting.

Minutes: We did not have a quorum for the months of February or March. Unofficial minutes are presented here.

Commission Budget:

A copy of the General Fund Appropriations for the month of February 2002 was presented to the Commissioners and it shows that the Commission General Fund budget is at a healthy "Average to Spend" per month of 2,036.54. As of March 29, 2002 (end of third Qtr.), our General Fund balance was \$56.92 and our Other Funds balance was 394.00 leaving total funds available of 450.92. Our General Fund allotment beginning 4-01-02 was 8,532.92 and so far, we have generated 7,250 revenue from our Spanish classes. This means we have a balance to spend in the 4th quarter of this first year totaling 16,233.84 (450.92 + 8,532.92 + 7,250 = 16,233.84). It should be noted that the Commission has been in the black since the beginning of this biennium.

Commission Mileage Expenditures

Gabe showed a printout from DAS titled "Low Mileage Agency Totals". The Commission on Hispanic Affairs shows a total of zero miles. The reason for that is that whenever Gabe has traveled to make presentations statewide, he schedules a program about his (DCBS) Multicultural Communications Program and takes advantage of that opportunity to provide information about the Commission as well. This has saved the Commission a lot of money, as a trip to Medford at 36.5 cents per mile would cost about 200 dollars for mileage alone.

E-Board Letter

Gabe mentioned that our E-board presentation for requesting additional funding for the second year of the biennium is scheduled on April the 18th. He provided the Commissioners a copy of the letter he drafted with the assistance of Satish Upadhyam of DAS and Steve Bender, Legislative Fiscal Office, requesting that the E-board accept our presentation for appeal of funding for the second year of the biennium. Both Satish and Steve provided input about the E-board session and what we should expect.

Youth Leadership Retreat

Gabe provided a copy of criteria that will be used to select youth for participating in our Latino Youth Summit. The focus will be at-risk-youth who have turned their lives around and who could benefit from a 1,000 scholarship to re-engage them into a college or vocational program. Gabi Idrubo, the volunteer who is currently assisting Gabe was recommended as a student intern or part time employee who would assist in the development of the summit and community forums throughout the state. This can only happen if we raise the 74,250 needed (a copy of the projected expenses was provided).

It was recommended that we request colleges match the 1,000 scholarships being awarded to the youth recipients. Francisca has some contacts at U of O and LCC and we should also request this from Chemeketa and any other college or vocational program. It was also suggested that we contact the Metro Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Gale Castillo, Dr. Carrion, etc. for assistance in this scholarship drive.

Commissioner Participation in Committee/Functions and/or Invitations Form:

Gabe reminded everyone how important the completion of these forms is so that he can add that information to the **Impacts and Outreach** document where he will keep running totals of all the events the Commissioners participate in, the committee meetings attended, number of contacts per month, etc.

Diego was great in providing his committee and community participation over the last month or so.

Spanish Class Update:

Gabe mentioned the Spanish classes have come to a halt. Various reasons could have affected the participation in our classes: the loss of Luis Sarinana as instructor, September 11th disaster occurred two days prior to the start of one of our classes, a news release about the previous executive director came out two days prior to the beginning our latest class and the economical recession we are currently experiencing. Thus far we have generated 7,250 in revenue and this amount has been forwarded to DAS for rescheduling 7,250 of the 10,000 that was unscheduled pending Commission revenue generation.

New Commission Applicants

There were two applicants who applied for the Commission position that Lami Subia vacated. Jose Manuel Munoz Ibarra was selected as the new commissioner for the southern Oregon area and his Interest Form was forwarded for approval at the Governor's Office.

Commission Roster:

A new Commission Roster was provided to the committee members.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Next Meeting Date: April 26, 2002 from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM.

The next meeting of the Commission on Hispanic Affairs will be held on Friday, April 26, 2002, at the Labor and Industries Bldg., 350 Winter St. NE; Rm. 200, Salem, Oregon.

Please note: If you are not able to attend this meeting, please let Gabe know if you will need to participate via telephone conference call.

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Gabe Silva, Executive Director

Francisca Leyva-Johnson, Chair