



Meeting Minutes – July 21, 2015

Time: 10 am – 12 pm

Location: Legislative Hall (second floor of Senate Majority room)  
411 Legislative Ave., Dover DE 19903

**In attendance:**

Javier G. Torrijos  
Ronaldo Tello  
Sonia Aguilar  
Claudia Pena Porretti  
Brenda Soto  
Charito Calvachi-Mateyko  
Maria Matos  
Scott Vien

**Absent:**

Mabel Hernandez-Saienni  
Matthew Heckles  
Sandra Spangler  
Lourdes Puig  
Rosa Colon-Kolacko  
Carlos Cotto  
Tanisha Merced

**Public Attendance:**

Bill Swiatek – WILMAPCO, Senior Planner  
Anna Estrada-DEDO/AmeriCorps Vista  
Shahrazad M. Encinias – Delaware News Journal  
Miguel Tapia - Student

- I. Bill Swiatek, WILMAPCO Senior Planner, gave a presentation on the transportation survey conducted by WILMAPCO. They found that more Hispanics need to participate in the transportation surveys in order to plan for the needs of the community. There is not enough funding when it comes to environmental justice and a better outreach effort needs to be made to communicate the transportation program to the community and how it impacts them (Attached please find the PowerPoint presentation).
- II. A motion was made to approve the May 26, 2015 meeting minutes. They were approved unanimously.

III. Treasures Report on Expenditures:

a. Budget Report:

b. The following two invoices remain outstanding:

- Rosita Colon Kolacko -\$264.19- Maracas for 2014 Latino Summit
- Deborah Torrijos - \$233.22- 2014 Latino Summit Banner and Postcards.
- La Exitosa – Milford Ad - \$300.00
- La Exitosa – Job Fair/Boys and Girls Club - \$300.00

IV. Old Business

- a. Maria Matos thanked Senator Marshall for the foresight to add language in Senate Bill No. 59 to review and reconvene the Driving Privilege Card Task Force in one year to exam and recommend changes to the Bill.
- b. Charito said that the DMV is developing a plan for the DPC and that Darlene Battle played a major role and will help provide driving classes through her organization, DACA. The DMV is currently developing the process for the DPC and should be ready sometime in September.
- c. Membership:
- The DHC members voted to recommend Patricia Rivera and Carlos de Los Ramos to the Governor to serve on the DHC. The recommendation was approved unanimously. Javier reminded the members that anyone can submit their name to the Governor and serve on the Commission.
  - Other individuals for consideration are Wanda Lopez (United Way of Delaware and Latinos Unidos) and Jeff Lawrence (DEDO).
  - Itzel Hernandez was also recommended but it was suggested that she work with the Youth leadership committee for the Summit at this time.
  - Terry Richard is currently working on her voting registration to become a DHC member.

V. New Business:

Summary of Subcommittees reports- Long term and short term goals:

a. Community and Social Justice:

- Charito recommended a Facebook page so that we could use to advertise the DHC events and pass along information to the community.
- The DHC members approved the development of the Facebook page. Two opposed, one abstained, and five yes votes. The following was approved:

Form a committee to develop the Facebook page which will report back to the DHC members and see who will be responsible to monitor and input information in Spanish and English.

- Sonia will discuss with Jeff Lawrence and Tamara Stock about the Facebook page as well as the State Department to see if this can be done.

b. Economic Development:

- First State Community Loan fund hired a Hispanic consultant coordinator, Lola Campos, to service the Hispanic Community. Lola will work for the FSCLF under the Women Business Center.
- First State Community Loan has also hired a Hispanic loan officer.
- Sonia is updating the DHC website page and asked everyone to please send her any updates on their subcommittee. She is meeting with the State Department next week and needs the information by then.

c. Education:

No report given.

d. Health & Social Services:

- Continue to develop the Culture and Linguistic research study and identify sectors that it will be conducted. Need to identify key stakeholders and champions in each of the sectors. The size of the assessment also needs to be determined. The report will highlight best practices and what are the key priority areas.
- The Mexican Government consulate has a free online program that allows individuals to learn how to read and speak English. The course is four to six months and the individual gets a certificate after completion.
- Video Equipment for the DHC is still being purchased. Ronaldo working with DHSS to acquire equipment.

e. Housing – no report

f. Transportation:

- Scott Vien reported that the DMV is currently working on the Driving Privilege Card process for individuals who are interested in obtaining the card. They are working with SBI, IRS, and the DSP to work out the details. The process on how to apply should be worked out in September or early October. The DMV is targeting for a January date to start taking applications.

VI. Public Comment:

Miguel Tapia is working the 2105 Delaware Latino Summit leadership breakout session that will focus on advocacy and change. The youth will focus on their strengths and learn how to become advocates to help push legislative changes and help establish a Latino student network.

Shahrazad M. Encinias from the News Journal would like to know more about what is happening in the Hispanic community so that they can share with the general public.

VII. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and it was approved unanimously.

VIII. Calendar Meeting dates for 2015

- a. Sept. 15
- b. Nov. 17

All meeting will be held at the House Majority Hearing Room located on the second floor of Legislative Hall from 10 am to 12 pm. Please mark your calendars accordingly.