



**Chicano Latino
Affairs Council**
State of Minnesota

Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 02/05/13

Present: BM G. Bonilla, BM J. Villaseñor

Via Conference call: BM Francisco Gonzalez, Committee Chair; BM Cynthia Campos, and BM K. Escobar, Council Chairwoman; BM M. Villanueva

Staff: Hector Garcia, Executive Director; Sarah Goodspeed, Legislative and Community Affairs

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action Summary/Motions Adopted	Follow-Up/Timeline	Person(s) Responsible
Welcome & Review of Agenda	Since Committee Chair is not physically present, Chairing is delegated to BM G. Bonilla. Meeting in called to order at 5:42 p.m. by Acting Chair G. Bonilla. BM J. Villaseñor made a Motion to approve the agenda as is; Motion Seconded by BM C. Campos. All in Favor Vote.	← Motion passed	
Review 2013 Legislative Agenda	<p>Committee reviews the Legislative recommendations sent by staff. S. Goodspeed shares that it was slightly re-worked from the previous version. Paragraphs were put into bullet points and re-vamping for new focus this season.</p> <p>BM F. Gonzales provided recommendations building on what S. Goodspeed produced. He fine-tuned and added suggestions around immigration. His suggestion is to be careful of what the Council recommends. After what happened with the Immigration press conference, and from conversations with other folks, we need to align with what other groups are doing. Francisco suggests following and collaborating with other groups that are already working on this issue.</p> <p>Hector comments about the reactions from others about the press conference on immigration. ED sent an email to everyone informing that CLAC was not proceeding because we could not only present one side, in this case from Rick Aguilar.</p> <p>Luz Maria suggested for CLAC not to get involve and leave this to Mariano Espinoza. Perhaps we cannot lead the charge, but CLAC should not pull out all together.</p> <p>BM J. Villaseñor comments that CLAC cannot ignore the issue of immigration. Pablo Tapia, from La Asamblea, has stated that he is not in agreement with what Marino Espinoza is doing so there is division in opinion. CLAC needs to be present at the table with these other groups.</p> <p>BM G. Bonilla states that these are recommendation to bring awareness to the state legislature when CLAC is there, and this is not saying that CLAC is the only one or spearheading this, but that these are just CLAC's priorities and policy recommendations.</p> <p>ED shares that CLAC has had a position on immigration, even though it does not do anything about recommending immigration reform, but has done efforts to broaden the discussion so that there is more objective dialogue about why and why not immigration reform is considered by legislators/congress, and facilitate discussions.</p>		

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	<p>ED suggests that the Health and Housing sections might need more items. The content in those sections have not changed significantly, they are still the same from previous years.</p> <p>Committee discussed some changes to the recommendations and delegated to the staff to make those changed.</p> <p>BM F. Gonzales makes a Motion to approve the Legislative recommendations including the addition of an area of activity to deal with policy implementation by other Government agencies and pending other changes discussed by committee; Motion Seconded by BM C. Campos. Motion passed with an All in Favor Vote.</p>	<p>← Motion to approve Legislative recommendations.</p>	
Discuss Legislative Issues	<p>Education Bill- State Seal of Billiteracy was taken from a NY bill which was sent to CLAC by Oscar from Aurora Charter School. Concept is very attractive, and it recognizes students who are bilingual at the time of graduation by putting a seal on their diploma. It reinforces the value of culture and language which is what CLAC has been trying to do.</p> <p>K. Escobar questions if there is some type of assessment. S. Goodspeed clarifies that there is nothing on the bill to that matter, no requirement for testing, but the intent is for the teachers would recognize students who are bilingual and would make such recommendations. Staff should consider incorporation of methodology/ determination factor, and seek additional information on testing. Methodology applied. Committee agreed to proceed with bill.</p> <p>Bill proposed by the Council's. The high school side is being covered because there is money available to invest; however, there is a consensus among many people, including in meetings at the legislature that early education is where things break down. The idea is to have a phase in period from 3yr olds to3rd grade where all the kids are not expected to be competing, but taught the skills such as reading and to compete; this is a curriculum change to give kids a fighting chance to compete in the future. The idea is to get everybody in a Plainfield and then do the assessments/ testing.</p> <p>The bill discusses creating grants? ED talked to Sen. Torres Ray and she said you have to bring the bill in such a way that fits into the Governor's budget proposal; the bill will be changed to state that within the categories in the governor's budget we recommend this be included. BM G. Bonilla feels comfortable with proceeding with this and bringing it to the Board.</p> <p>BM J. Villaseñor makes a Motion to submit the proposal for a bill for Early childhood development K-3 with the corrections that were made by the committee; BM F. Gonzales Seconds the Motion. Motion passed with an All in Favor vote.</p> <p>BM J. Villaseñor makes a Motion to extend the meeting until 7:00 p.m.; BM C. Campos Seconded the Motion. Motion passed with an All in Favor vote.</p>	<p>← Motion to submit Education bill</p> <p>← Motion to extend meeting</p>	

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	<p>DREAM Act- Sen. Pappas is introducing her own bill. She is still open to some changes, but it will not be too ambitious as hoped. At this point, CLAC is relieved from drafting the bill and now the role is to support the Dreamer's and expanding the bill recommendation just to be more inclusive.</p> <p>The bill includes a 3-yr HS requirement instead of 2 or 1 year so some students will not be eligible because they haven't been in the state that long, but she will include financial aid both public and private tuition. Rep. Mariani would be introducing the bill in the House.</p> <p>Economic Bills-HF 15 intro by Rep. Mullery He is excited about what can be done; ED is working with DEED to get their support for the bill.</p> <p>Several great projects that are moving along. ED shares information about the Latino Global Executives meeting in March. There is also dialogue with the community on Feb. 22nd to discuss barriers and opportunities for immigrant education and employment. There is another project with MPR for young Latinos.</p> <p>During the last board meeting there was discussion about the importance of hiring Rebeca Sedarski and just recently there was an article that the Governor and the Mayo clinic are going to invest 6 billion dollars in Rochester.</p>	time	
Update on LLDC Preparations	<p>Save the Date is ready to send out pending any changes from the committee. Another item is the proclamation to have Cesar Chavez Day and be part of the LLDC.</p> <p>BM M. Villanueva makes a Motion to proceed with sending out the Save the Date card for LLDC and the proclamation for Cesar Chavez Day; Motion Seconded by F. Gonzales. Motion passed with an All in Favor Vote.</p>	← Motion to proceed with LLDC Save the date and proclamation	G. Rodriguez S. Goodspeed
MHC Pilot Plan	<p>The HACER study finished in December and is posted on CLACs website. It has been receiving great reactions from people. Now we are trying to build from what HACER/CLAC found in research and apply some of those elements of success in 2 schools: Northfield and Humboldt. CLAC already met with Humboldt and has an agreement in place. Northfield was chosen because we don't want to lose what it is already in place and then have nothing to show. The use of the grant for this year is to discuss with schools who we are going to mesh the elements of success with their programs, then we move into planning to see how program will be implemented in September to make sure everybody is in same page, and final stage is the training g of the teachers, staff, parents, students.</p> <p>BM M. Villanueva expresses concerns about the programming for year 2, but feels that at this point there is nothing that can be done since it is already moving forward.</p>		
Recap and Adjourn	BM J. Villaseñor makes a Motion to adjourn the meeting; Motion Seconded by BM F. Gonzales. Motion passed with an All in Favor vote.		