



Agenda

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Immigration Committee
April 1, 2014
500 Market Station, Suite 200
Round House Conference Room
4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes – March 4, 2014
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5. Community Comments
6. On-Going Business
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 2. Monitoring the Resolution
 - b. Living Wage Enforcement
 - c. Municipal Resources
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 - d. Social Justice
 - e. Determine next three meeting locations
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IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE
APRIL 1, 2014
Market Street Offices, Santa Fe, NM
4:30 pm – 5:45 pm

MINUTES

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Chair Seluja. Roll call constitutes a quorum.

Present:

Alejandra Seluja, Chair
Amparo Guerrero
Marcela Diaz
Maria Cristina Lopez
Cara Esquibel

Not Present, Excused

Cecilia Tadfor
Elizabeth Hemmer
Jewel Cabeza de Vaca

Others Present

Terrie Rodriguez, Staff Liaison
Fran Lucero, Stenographer

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Add approval of minutes September 2, 2013
Move Community Comments before approval of minutes.

Ms. Lopez moved to approve the agenda as amended, second by Ms. Esquibel, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. **Community Comments** (*Concerns were described verbally in Spanish; translation to English is as close to the testimony.*)

Community Concern #1

Community Person (*Presented in Spanish, translation as close to his presentation*): “I was stopped last week on Thursday at 3:30 pm by a vehicle and the agent identified himself as being with ICE. I didn’t see them coming, it was on St. Michael’s Drive by Allsup’s Convenience Store. I was never told why I was being stopped. I was asked by ICE if I had drugs or weapons and I told him no. I asked him what was going to happen to me and he said he couldn’t tell me what they were going to do to me. They told me that it was my lucky day and that I could go home. They told me that I was going to receive a letter from the courts and that I was going to have to do whatever the courts would say or they were going to arrest me. They asked me for my credentials and I presented them and they returned them to me.”

Ms. Diaz said that ICE does not have any legal rights to impose traffic citations or violations.

This gentleman was asking the Immigration Committee for help with a lawyer to respond to the courts should he receive documentation from the courts. He stated that the City Police did come to the location but the city police did not question him at all. They did not ask him to sign anything; he didn't get any type of written document. The man identified himself as an agent of ICE and the agent told him it was good that he had not tried to escape.

Ms. Diaz was in hopes that the representative on the Immigration Committee from the City Police would have been in attendance today to look in to matters of this nature and importance.

The Immigration Chair and Committee asked that staff submit a request to find out from the City Police why ICE is in Santa Fe and making these types of vehicular stops and racial profiling. The Committee Chair would like Staff to set up a meeting with the Mayor to discuss this important item.

Community Member 2: Asked if the vehicle was black and he confirmed, "Yes it is." She stated that the vehicle was seen on Airport Road and fit this description. She said she has seen multiple black units eating at a local restaurant on Airport Road.

Ms. Guerrero asked if they see ICE in the community who they should report it to. Can they report it to SOMOS or a member of the Immigration Committee?

Yes they can.

The Community person thanked the Immigration Committee for listening to his concern.

Community Concern #2

Parents of Students who had attended Ramirez Thomas School and are now going to Ortiz School came before the Immigration Committee with serious bullying concerns taking place at their children's school. The concern is related to the lack of supervision, no response from the school security in situations where kids are fighting or being beat up and no support or follow up from the school counselor.

Parent #1: As a mother she has gone to pick up her kids and has witnessed where they are being bullied. The school security and the counselor are not giving them the attention that they need. There are boys and girls that are fighting with her daughter and they have thrown her to the floor and she has not received any support when they witness or she reports the incident. The mother has gone to the school and she has not gotten any support from the teachers, counselors or security.

Student: She has three friends and one of her friends actually cuts herself on the wrist because she can't handle the bullying. The girls are posting so much of what is happening on Facebook and they aren't getting any help from the counselors. It is very sad that the counselors or the security won't help them. One teacher just this week hit a student with a door. This student said that for a very long time they have been insulting her and criticizing her weight and telling her very mean things which are hurtful.

The parent did convey that she has gone to the SFPS Superintendent and they did not give her the attention that her situation needed. The parent feels that they are not getting the attention as they are Immigrants.

Ms. Guerrero would like to know what when the parents go to the SFPS Superintendent, why do they not get attention.

Ms. Esquibel said that follow up is needed from the Superintendent of Schools as to what the follow up or procedure is to report these important matters as the safety of our children is extremely important.

The SFPS Superintendent has spoken to the Immigration Committee in an open parent forum in the past and committed to handle these matters personally.

Ms. Esquibel would like to receive the follow up process from SFPS in order to assist community families when they come to the Immigration Committee with these types of concerns.

Ms. Diaz would like to use this testimony and ask for assistance from the Santa Fe Police Department representative who is in the division that handles bullying. Ms. Diaz asked the school representatives on the committee to communicate their recommendations.

Ms. Esquibel told the student to stand strong and not to ever feel over whelmed or beat up and to continue to report and document the things that are happening. She told her to continue to always tell her mother what is happening. Ms. Guerrero said that there are also counseling services for the kids if they need them.

Ms. Diaz reiterated that a formal complaint with all of the facts should be reported to the SFPS Superintendent in writing and to send copies to the Immigration Committee, SOMOS, City Police Department and to Solace for follow up.

Community Member 2: As a parent, I have also seen fights at the school. We don't know where to go when we need help as these incidents are happening on a daily basis and more so when the security says that when the kids are fighting away from the school that it is out of their jurisdiction. When they say away from the school they mean a few feet away in proximity, maybe the sidewalk and Security won't get involved at all. The safety of our children is at high risk.

Ms. Guerrero, member on the Immigration Committee was asked if she could follow up with the Superintendent after it is sent in order to assure that it is received and dealt with. She will report back to the committee as a follow up.

4. Approval of Minutes

Community comments were placed before approval of minutes due to time constraints. Minutes were tabled until next meeting due to lack of quorum.

5. Announcements

La Lucha Por Reforma Article – María Cristina López

6. On-Going Business

Ms. Rodriguez stated that she listed the below mentioned items from the last meeting for review.

Ms. Diaz provided additional information on agenda topics and interim work that should take place in the next year.

The Chair asked that the members of the committee review the suggestions presented by Ms. Diaz and return comments directly to her. This item will be an Action Item at next meeting. A more detailed document will be sent electronically to those members not in attendance by Ms. Diaz.

Ms. Diaz said that it is important to create a timeline on the hot topics that need to be included in a concrete plan. It is important to add items as to what this Committee wants to do to champion Immigration.

Note: Below are the items recommended at last meeting for consideration.

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 - Railyard Market Office (next 3 months)
- f. Bi-National Health Event for 2014

7. Communications from Staff
None

8. Communications from Committee
Request that staff set up a date for the Immigration Committee to be on the City Council Agenda in May, 2014.

Ms. Diaz suggested that the City Councilors be invited to meet with the Immigration Committee members individually before the Committee presents before the full City Council.

Ms. Rodriguez will do an inquiry of the City Council as to their availability to know what time slots they can meet with the Immigration Committee. The Immigration Committee members will work their schedules accordingly.

9. Next Meeting and Adjourn

Next Meeting: May 6, 2014 – 4:30 pm

There being no further business to come before the Immigration Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Signature Sheet:



Alejandra Seluja, Chair



Fran Lucero, Stenographer