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APPROVED BY [Signature]

Immigration Committee
November 5, 2014
500 Market Station, Suite 200
Round House Conference Room
4:30pm to 6:00pm

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**IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 5, 2014
Market Street Offices, Santa Fe, NM
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm**

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order by Alejandra Seluja at 4:45 pm. A quorum exists and reflected in roll call.
2. A quorum was declared at 5:00 pm

Present:

Alejandra Seluja, Chair
Marcela Diaz
Maria Cristina López,
Jewel Cabeza de Vaca
Javier Ríos

Not Present

Cecilia Tadfor
Amparo Guerrero
Elizabeth Hemmer
Cara Esquibel

Others Present

Terrie Rodríguez, Director
Dale Lettenberger, Santa Fe City Police Department and Staff Liaison
Fran Lucero, Stenographer

Presenters

Mr. Tom Starke, Chair of the Santa Fe County DWI Planning Council
Lupe Sánchez, Program Manager, Santa Fe County DWI Program

3. **Approval of Agenda**
Take out A – Presentation by Victoria Ferrera

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

4. **Approval of Minutes – October 7, 2014**

Ms. Diaz moved to approve the minutes of October 7, 2014, second by Jewel Cabeza de Vaca, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

5. **Announcements**
November 18th – 5:30 pm – Wage Theft Clinic

Ms. Rodriguez said that the Finance Committee recognized SOMOS on the resolution to insure that there is a mechanism to be enforced across the city.

Public Hearing on December 10th – City Council.

Self certification in the ordinance for businesses when they apply for their license and informing them and confirming that they have paid the minimum wage.

The Chair asked Ms. Rodriguez to provide the committee members of both the Ordinance and the Resolution. SOMOS is working with staff on both.

6. Community Comments

None

7. New Business

a. Presentation by Victoria Ferrera on Ortiz Middle School

Tabled until next meeting. Staff to contact Ms. Ferrera to inform her of the meeting and ask if she would like to present at the December meeting.

b. Outreach to Immigrant Community – Lupe Sanchez, SF County DWI Planning Council

Mr. Sanchez. SF County Staff and Tom Starke, Chair of the DWI Planning Council. Mr. Sanchez, Program Manager, Community Services Department, Community Safety Division came before the committee to reach out and expand to the Spanish speaking population. Mr. Sanchez asked if the Immigration Committee could offer some contacts on whom SF County DWI Planning Council could reach out to. Mr. Stark said that he would like to provide educational information to the Spanish first language people.

The Chair recommended contacting the Guadalupe Credit Union. Adena Whitman, Marketing Director at the Guadalupe Credit Union can be contacted.

Another resource would be the Southside Library and possibly the Southside party at Zona.

Deacon Anthony Trujillo for San Isidro and Guadalupe Church

SFPS is a good contact. Adelante is also going to be doing a big function for the schools. There is an activity at Cesar Chavez called Junto los Jueves.

Mr. Sanchez said they do a community service and this is how they find out that they are not reaching the Spanish speaking population.

Ms. Diaz said that there is a Spanish speaking immigrant population that goes to Albuquerque to get their drivers licenses if they don't have social security numbers. They cannot get their licenses in Santa Fe.

A recommendation was that a survey be coordinated through the court system.

Mr. Sanchez said that the goal is to educate and to inform them on what can happen if they experience DWI charges. Public information is very important for the DWI Planning Council. Mr. Sanchez said that the DWI rate is going up. Crashes with alcohol are up 30% and there is also the issue of prescription drugs.

Mr. Stark asked if someone could be assigned to the focus group. SFCC contact is Erica Abeyta and she is bi-lingual for the focus group. Meeting will be held on November 25, 2014. Mr. Sanchez said that this focus group population will be students to gather their input. Ms. Diaz offered space at SOMOS for any focus group meetings and to help identify individuals for the focus group. Ms. Lopez will also provide contacts from the court system for the focus group.

c. Election Results – Potential issues with Driver’s Licenses during Legislative Session – Alejandra Seluja, Marcela Diaz

The Chair asked the committee members if they could identify any issues regarding the repeal of driver’s licenses. This committee has spoken on behalf of driver’s licenses at both sessions. The Chair would like to be prepared with areas of concern or statements on the Immigration Committee’s stand on driver’s licenses to be ready for the upcoming legislative session.

Ms. Diaz said that there were many misleading ads by many candidates, which is expected during a campaign. The House of Representatives repealed the driver’s licenses two times; it was the Senate that has stayed focus on compromise. It is unknown how it changes. Some candidates have said they support repeal and Ms. Diaz said that they will continue to educate the importance. Ms. Diaz said that 2 years ago people were bombarded with information on driver’s licenses by negative advertisements and much of the information wasn’t true. What is clear is that it doesn’t have to do with driver’s licenses, the wave is throughout the country, and we don’t think people’s priority on driver’s licenses has changed in 2 years. In anticipation of the legislature, we do have a Senate feel that they have to crack down on fraud; fraud is not an issue as it is at zero, it couldn’t be proved 2 years ago and they can’t prove it now. Ms. Diaz suggested that the committee start lining up concrete information on the impact that the driver’s licenses have had in Santa Fe. The support from the two prior Police Chiefs was strong as they brought forth supporting statistics and contact should be made with Chief Eric Garcia to assure that the continuity of support will remain.

Ms. Diaz asked Assistant Chief Lettenberger how we could access the data necessary to have strong supportive documentation. Chief Lettenberger will work with the Police Data Analyst to start to gather as much information as possible. Any statistical information available would be helpful.

Chair Seluja will meet with Winona from Guadalupe Credit Union for the statistics on how many people were buying vehicles which is about 13% of the immigrant population. Ms. Diaz said that this type of information should be gathered statewide.

Chair Seluja said it would be good to get support from car dealers as well as insurance companies who haven’t come forward to support in the past.

Ms. Rodriguez asked Chief Lettenberger if citations for proof of insurance can be provided in a report. Chief Lettenberger said that in many cases when a citation is issued, many individuals do not have their proof of insurance even though they claim to have insurance, they would still be cited for no proof of insurance.

Ms. Diaz recommended a separate meeting to collaborate on what information can be gathered as supporting documentation. It would be good to invite the county for their statistics as well.

Mr. Rios said that they have myth fact sheets for immigrants in Bernalillo County that show data on their contribution to the economy.

Ms. Diaz addressed concerns related to uninsured motorist's statistics.

Chair Seluja recommended the creating of a sub-committee:

Javier Rios, Marcela Diaz, Alejandra Seluja, Maria Cristina Lopez and Assistant Chief Dale Lettenberger. Invitation should be extended to Julia Valdez at Santa Fe County to participate in this sub-committee.

Projected Meeting Date: November 18, 2014 – 11:00 am - (Mr. Rios will need a call in number, meeting will be held at the Santa Fe Police Department).

8. Old Business

a. Update about training of security officers at SFPS especially Ortiz Middle School

Chair Seluja met with Assistant Chief Lettenberger regarding the training of security officers at SFPS and the unknown is if they received the correct training.

Assistant Chief Lettenberger stated that the security officers are contracted to assist on school property. Anything off the school property falls in to the responsibility of the City Police Department. There are liability questions regarding the security officer's role and what their policy and procedures allow them to do within the scope of their job. Chief Lettenberger did explain that there may be a lag in time if and when a fight would start for example, but they do respond to incidents.

Chair Seluja said she will incorporate this topic of concern when as she proceeds with the letter to the School Superintendent, Dr. Joel Boyd to inquire about the training of the Security Officers.

There has to be some type of education to assure that students don't go off school property knowing that there won't be any intervention from the school security.

b. Letter and advocacy in support of Amending Business License – Alejandra Seluja

A letter was drafted to the Mayor and City Council and Chief Garcia with a follow up e-mail to Councilor Maestas asking if he wanted Immigration Committee presence. The Chair said that action was taken to support amending the business license.

Ms. Diaz said that in some of the committees, the Mayor and Council sometimes are not well informed on the concerns. Ms. Diaz said that it would be good to meet with the councilors to explain the impact on the city. There was a question on how deeply this impacts our economy and our new businesses.

Ms. Diaz said in reading that the new Attorney General is going to work on wage theft throughout the state. It was recommended that the committee meet with the new Attorney General.

Ms. Rodriguez will also set up an interview with Councilor Maestas for the TV program.

c. Letter to SFPS – Alejandra Seluja

The Chair said that it will include concerns for the other schools in question.

9. Communication from Staff

None

10. Communications from Committee

Chief Lettenberger will assure that bias police training is provided to all new officers.

Chief Lettenberger addressed the concerns from the last meeting on the two individuals who came before the Immigration Committee and provided a report on his research on the process that was followed. The investigation information was provided to the committee on the SWAT Team policy and it was confirmed that they do not do any interviews. Chief Lettenberger said if the individuals who came before the Immigration Committee want to file a complaint then an extensive investigation would be conducted.

Thank you for the follow up and training of the officers and SWAT Team Commander.

Chair Seluja wants to send an e-mail or outlook invite at least a week before the meeting. A quorum was not declared until today. At this time a defined Agenda can be created more so for Action Items. It should be noted that committee members can send an e-mail and either report they cannot come or to respond that they cannot come.

Chair Seluja asked about the status of Ms. Tadfor on the committee. Ms. Rodriguez will follow up on the call she placed this week and discuss her status.

Mr. Rios said that the feria in Santa Fe went really well. A report will be brought to next meeting on number of those who were vaccinated. Clovis cancelled. The population that attended was almost 100% Spanish speaking.

Mr. Rios said there is a mobile consulate and Ventanilla de Salud – November 15-16, 2014, Lovington, New Mexico.


11. Next Meeting and Adjourn

Next Meeting: December 2, 2014 – 4:30 pm

Next meeting will be the calendar for the full year in 2015.

There being no further business to come before the Immigration Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Signature Sheet:


Alejandra Seluja, Chair


Fran Lucero, Stenographer