



Agenda

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IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, September 1, 2015

Market Station

Conference Room

500 Market Station

4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes: August 4, 2015
4. New Business:
 - a. Mr. Patrick Gallagher, City of Santa Fe Acting Police Chief – Introduction and Vision
5. Old Business:
 - a. Update on Wage Theft – Marcela Diaz
 - b. Update on Bullying Resolution City/SFPS – Chris Sanchez
6. Comments from the Chair and Commissioners
7. Report from Staff
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Immigration Committee
September 1, 2015
Railyard City Offices, Santa Fe, NM
4:44 p.m. to 6:10 p.m.

- 1. The Immigration Committee was called to order at 4:44 p.m. by the Vice Chair Maria Cristina Lopez. A quorum was established.**

Roll Call:

Present

Maria Cristina Lopez
Marcela Diaz
Javier Rios
Jewel Cabeza de Vaca
Cara Esquibel

Excused

Amparo Guerrero
Aleandra Seluja, Chair

Not Excused

Cecila Tadfor
Elizabeth Hemmer

Staff Present

Chris Sanchez, City of Santa Fe

Others Present

Linda Vigil, Stenographer
Acting Police Chief Patrick Gallagher
Sgt. Judah Montano, SFPD

- 2. Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Diaz moved to approve the agenda as presented, with a second from Ms. Cabeza De Vaca the motion carried by voice vote.

- 3. Approval of Minutes of August 4, 2015**

Corrections to Minutes-

The spelling of Monica ~~Tonquine~~ to Toquinto in all areas.

Ms. Diz said the the United Workers Center has provided the Mayor a document in which they request support from the Immigration Committee. laid out recommendations for Immigration Enforcement.

Mr. Rios moved to approved the minutes **as amended**, with a second from Ms. Esquibel which passed by voice vote.

4. New Business:

- a. Mr. Patrick Gallagher, City of Santa Fe City Acting Police Chief

Introductions were made by each individually, Ms. Lopez gave a brief explanation of the Immigration Committee and the reasons why the Committee was formed in 1999.

Mr. Gallagher thanked the Committee and introduced himself, and reviewed his credentials. Mr. Gallagher explained his Crime Control Strategies, his mission and vision he has for the Santa Fe Police Department. Mr. Gallagher reviewed his vision of Crime, Community and Cost. He believes it will be a successful tactic. He is still conducting an assessment of the Department and will make adjustments soon. He will be Acting Chief for the next month or so.

Ms. Esquibel asked about mentally ill, youth and community. Mr. Gallagher briefly described his Mobile Crisis Response Team. They are trained professionals who are educated in assisting the mentally ill, and can slow down the situation and help.

Mr. Gallagher also mentioned the LEAD Program that the Department has, it helps low level drug related crimes. The Courts and District Attorney cannot open every case and this program helps.

Mr. Rios discussed the program in Las Cruces called Camp Hope. It is similar to Tent City. Mr. Sanchez briefly described the Homeless Taskforce and how they are working collectively to help the Homeless Community. Mr. Gallagher briefly discussed the mobile buses that assist with the bathing and cleanliness to avoid the use of the Public Restrooms.

Ms. Lopez mentioned the issue of language and the training with the ICE Agency on language with new recruits. Mr. Gallagher states there are 18 vacancies and there is not a requirement for Spanish Speaking Recruits, however there is an incentive if they are bilingual. Mr. Montano stated that the academy does teach Spanish.

Ms. Diaz briefly explained the process for filing complaints with the Department and why they encourage the Immigrant Community to use the system to avoid escalating the situation.

Ms. Cabeza de Vaca briefly discussed the issue of the recent National events where Law Enforcement is a target. Mr. Gallagher agreed, it is a difficult time.

Ms. Diaz reviewed the approval of 40-60 U Visas which is higher than previous years.

The new policies relating to working with immigration attorneys on behalf of victims in the community has been working well.

Ms. Diaz asked about the approval of the policies regarding the U Visas with the new Chief, it is important for the certification. Mr. Gallagher stated that his Chief Deputy Mario Salbridez will handle those issues.

Ms. Diaz discussed the issuance of the issuance of Driver's Licenses to Immigrants and the controversy that has come up over the years. The Committee has assisted with the law that will be positive for Law Enforcement. Mr. Gallagher will have to review the facts before he decides his stand on the matter.

Ms. Diaz discussed when ICE and other Law Enforcement partnered agencies work together there may be times where ICE is called in and Immigration Status gets brought up. The Committee has worked with the Police Department in the past to ensure that will not happen. Mr. Gallagher will not see Immigration Status as an issue, the issue would be the law that should be followed. Mr. Gallagher will reiterate to the other Law Enforcement when there is a joint force.

The Committee thanked Mr. Gallagher for his discussions tonight.

5. Old Business

a. Update on Wage Theft-Marcella Diaz

Ms. Lopez and Ms. Diaz discussed the meeting with the Mayor and the Workers Center. The Mayor was very interested and concerned about the Wage Theft issue. There is a resolution that already passed to protect victims. There was a discussion that perhaps the victims could mediate with the Employer if it not costly. The Mayor stated that there is no funding available. City Attorney cannot translate the information in Spanish, which is a concern.

b. Update on Bullying Resolution City/SFPS Chris Sanchez

Mr. Sanchez described the resolution that is to be drafted and approved. It will be a joint resolution with the SFPS and the City. Ms. Susan Duncan is working on the DRAFT that should be done soon.

Mr. Rios would like to sit it on the meetings and add levels of intersections that should be there or explained. A brief discussion was held about appointing Mr. Rios to attend the meetings and taskforce to represent the Committee and concerns.

6. Comments from the Chair and Commissioners

Ms. Diaz and Ms. Lopez announced several events happening soon with Somos Pueblos Unidos. The New York Times will feature the work done with the United Workers Center and the Wage Theft issue. Somos Un Pueblo Unidos is celebrating 20 years of being established. There is an event in October featuring Author Sonya Nazario, there will be a private reception as well. Mr. Sanchez will get information from foundations to assist with buying the books they wanted to distribute.

Juan Felipe Herrera, a Latino poet will have a gala at the Lensic in December. In November at CCA, a film series of film director Gregory Nava will run.

In October there will be a fundraiser panel discussion featuring Governors Anaya and Richardson, along with US Representative Ben Ray Lujan at Quail Run to discuss the next 20 years of immigration.

Ms. Lopez announced the recognition at the MALDEF gala in San Antonio for Ms. Diaz later this month. Ms. Diaz will be recognized for outstanding Community Service.

Ms. Esquibel received several pamphlets with benefit information for immigrants from the County, she gave it over to Javier. A brief discussion was held about having Sovereign Hager attend a meeting to present the options there are for healthcare for the immigrant community.

Ms. Esquibel announced MIX Santa Fe will have an outreach event for the Immigrant Community on the south side of town, she will email details.

Mr. Rios announced the new coordinator for Ventanilla de Salud, they will have a Bi National Health Week in October, he will email more information.

Ms. Diaz announced there will be a panel talk on September 9th at CCA on Sanctuary Cities.

7. Report from Staff

There was no report from Staff.

8. Matters from the Floor

There were no matters from the Floor.


9. Adjournment

There being no further business the Immigration Committee adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Signatures



Alejandra Setuza, Chair/Maria Cristina Lopez, Vice Chair



Linda Vigil, Stenographer