



Agenda

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IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, December 15, 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: November 3, 2015
4. Community Comments
5. New Business:
 - a. No new business
6. Old Business:
 - a. Driver's License Update
 - b. Follow-up on letter to SFPS Police Chief
 - c. Follow-up to the report to City Council about all action items for the year
7. Comments from the Chair and Committee Members
8. Report from Staff
9. Adjournment

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Roll Call	<i>A quorum was established at 4:34 p.m.</i>	
Approval of Agenda	<i>Ms. Esquibel moved to approve the agenda as presented, with a second from Ms. Lopez which passed by unanimous voice vote.</i>	
Approval of Minutes from 11/3/2015	<i>Ms. Esquibel moved to approve the minutes of November 3, 2015 as presented, with a second from Ms. Lopez which passed by unanimous voice vote.</i>	
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a. Discussion and approval of MariaJose Ugalde Alcazar to be a member of the Immigration Committee	<i>Ms. Esquibel moved to approve MariaJose Ugalde Alcazar to be a member of the Immigration Committee, with a second from Ms. Guerrero which passed by voice vote.</i>	
b. Approval of the 2016 Immigration Committee Meeting Calendar	<i>Ms. Esquibel moved to approve the 2016 Meeting Calendar with a second from Ms. Guerrero which passed by voice vote.</i>	
Old Business:		
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b. Follow Up on Letter to SFPD Police Chief		
c. Follow Up to the report to City Council about all action items for the year	<i>Information Only</i>	
Comments from the Chair and the Committee Members		
Matters from the Floor		
Adjournment	<i>There being no further business the Immigration Committee adjourned at 5:38 p.m.</i>	
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**Immigration Committee
500 Market Street, Railyard Offices
Santa Fe, NM
December 15, 2015
4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

1. **The Immigration Committee was called to order at 4:33 p.m. by Chair Alejandra Seluja. A quorum was established at 4:34 p.m.**

ROLL CALL

Present

Alejandra Seluja, Chair
Marcela Diaz
Amparo Guerrero
Cara Esquibel
Maria Cristina Lopez
Jewel Cabeza de Vaca
Javier Rios

Excused

Elizabeth Hemmer

Not Excused

Cecilia Tadfor

Others Present

Chris Sanchez, City of Santa Fe
Linda Vigil, Stenographer
MariaJose Ugalde Alcazar
Israel Muterperl

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Esquibel moved to approve the agenda as presented, with a second from Ms. Lopez which passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 3, 2015

Ms. Esquibel moved to approve the minutes of November 3, 2015 as presented, with a second from Ms. Lopez which passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

Ms. Lopez asked that the Announcements be made before Community Comments for future meetings. Mr. Sanchez will do so from now on.

Ms. Lopez announced a vigil will be held in support of Driver's Licenses on Friday night and passed out a flyer. (See Exhibit A)

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and approval of MariaJose Ugalde Alcazar to become a member of the Immigration Committee

Chair Seluja briefly described Ms. Ugalde Alcazar who has submitted her resume and letter of intent to join the Committee.

Ms. Lopez asked what group would she represent, each member works with an organization and it is great to know what each member can assist with.

Ms. Ugalde Alcazar stated she works with Earthcare and the constituency of the Southside of Santa Fe.

A brief discussion was held about the process and how to get appointed to a Committee. A letter of intent must be submitted along with a resume to the Committee, Mr. Sanchez will then attach a memo explaining the Committees recommendation and present it to City Council and the Mayor for approval.

Ms. Esquibel moved to approve MariaJose Ugalde Alcazar to be a member of the Immigration Committee, with a second from Ms. Guerrero which passed by voice vote.

Ms. Guerrero stated briefly the purpose and importance of the roles in the Commission and how it can help the community. She welcomed Ms. Ugalde Alcazar. Ms. Lopez also welcomed her, a brief discussion was held about social justice.

b. Approval of 2016 Immigration Committee Meeting Calendar

Chair Seluja presented the 2016 Immigration Committee passed it around.(See Exhibit B) The meeting will continue to be on the first Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m.

Ms. Esquibel moved to approve the 2016 Meeting Calendar with a second from Ms. Guerrero which passed by voice vote.

Ms. Guerrero picked up a copy of another committee's agenda which showed the Mayor was in attendance and available for discussion, she would like to suggest that the Committee invite the Mayor to attend a meeting.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Driver's License Update

Ms. Diaz stated there has not been any legislation pre-filed as of yet. The Senate is continuing to discuss the bill that already passed. Somos un Pueblo will remain to set the moral bar. There is a proposal for a driver's permit but it has not been seen yet. Chair Seluja discussed the link to the Albuquerque Journal article.

Ms. Diaz discussed her concerns about the representation of this issue to constituents by certain City Councilors. A discussion was held about the many ways it can be posted and sent out the public.

Ms. Lopez stated the Committee can possibly be seen to present the correct information to the City Council or have another resolution passed that may take longer.

Ms. Guerrero asked where the wrong information is coming from. Ms. Diaz stated the director of Taxation and Revenue relayed the information incorrectly.

A discussion was held about the ways social media can help get the information out. Ms. Cabeza de Vaca suggested that the Commission get a City Councilor or several to sponsor the issue and bring it to a Council meeting for discussion. Ms. Diaz would like to add the item of immigrant driving licenses. There is a fact sheet but it is not complete.

Ms. Diaz stated the Day of Action for Immigrants at the roundhouse is January 25, 2016.

b. Follow Up on letter to SFPD Police Chief

Chair Seluja passed out a copy of the letter sent to the SFPD Police Chief (See Exhibit C). Mr. Sanchez stated the letter was sent to him, it was passed along to the City Manager and the City Attorney.

Ms. Diaz asked about the internal process of the formal complaint. Chair Seljua stated by next meeting there should be an update.

Ms. Esquibel asked when the interim period is over for this Chief. A brief discussion was held about the hiring of the Police Chief, the Mayor is still waiting for more applicants.

Ms. Esquibel discussed the issue that there has not been a representative from the Police Department at the meetings for some time now.

Ms. Diaz asked if the letter serves as the complaint process. Chair Seluja will meet with the Chief and ask these questions and will hopefully have an update at the next meeting.

c. Follow Up to report to City Council about all action items for the year

Chair Seluja passed out her list of accomplishments by the Committee to review (See Exhibit D). Chair Seluja will work on getting added to the agenda for the City Council meeting to present the list and discuss the important work that has been done. The members will need to be present.

Ms. Lopez asked if that could be a time to discuss the passports and Driver's Licenses. Chair Seluja would like the committee members to email her their suggestions. Chair Seluja said they will share the communities concerns as well.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ms. Lopez discussed how the committee can reach or make it known to the Syrian Immigrants in the city that they are available. The Mayor opened up the City and welcomed them, they should know there is a committee.

Chair Seluja stated as a committee we should protect the rights of all immigrants. If there are members in the community that need help the committee should show support.

Ms. Lopez stated the committee is here to protect their rights. Ms. Esquibel stated perhaps they can reach the places that are helping them and let them know the committee exists and perhaps invite them to a meeting.

Mr. Sanchez suggested perhaps an interview on a local radio station as one of his other committees does. It has reached a lot of people thus far. The committee agrees it is a great idea.

Ms. Cabeza de Vaca stated perhaps all other immigrant communities need to be reached out to also. A brief discussion was held about having a committee member be from an immigrant community.

Mr. Rios stated that social media can be used to inform the public that the committee will be on the radio. Ms. Cabeza de Vaca suggested it be a regular event if the station allows it.

Ms. Guerrero asked about Ms. Tadfor and her seat on the committee. Chair Seluja stated her term expired and therefore they are seeking the replacement to be Ms. Uglade Alcazar. Mr. Sanchez will check on each members term date.

Chair Seluja mentioned that Ms. Hemmer's term is coming up in February and she will more than likely not return.

Ms. Esquibel introduced Mr. Muterperl and his interest in joining the committee. Ms. Esquibel will pass along his bio and resume.

Mr. Muterperl introduced himself and his work. He attends meetings and is active in the Young Democrats and the teacher's union. He is very interested in what the committee does. He realizes there are several groups and organizations that are doing the same thing, he would like to find a way to collaborate. Mr. Muterperl explained that he was born Guatemala, immigration has a big part of his heart.

A discussion was held and the process to become a committee member.

Ms. Cabeza de Vaca asked if the committee is made up of nine members only or can there be alternates. If there are some members from the immigrant community that are interested can they have a seat on the committee. Chair Seluja explained the advisory positions or subcommittees. If there are interested parties there are many ways to be active.

Ms. Esquibel asked that Miguel Angel be added to the next agenda. Chair Seluja recommended that all agenda ideas be sent to Mr. Sanchez before the meeting next month via email.

Mr. Rios Javier announced Strong Families New Mexico Day at the Legislature is going to be January 28, 2016 at the legislative. There are resources available to bring families to Santa Fe to stay in a hotel if needed. They will be supporting other legislative days and will share the information on social media.

Ms. Guerrero briefly stated she would like to invite the Mayor to the meetings and find out the policy for the immigration population for next year. Mr. Sanchez will try to get him on the next agenda.

Ms. Diaz would also like to share the statement from the City Attorney's Office stating they do not have resources to translate legal documents for those who filed wage claims.

Chair Seluja announced the next meeting will be January 5, 2015.

8. REPORT FROM STAFF

There was no report from Staff.

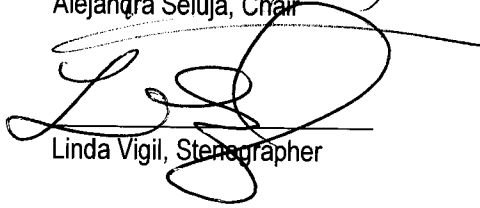
9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the Immigration Committee adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

SIGNATURES:



Alejandra Seluja, Chair



Linda Vigil, Stenographer