



Agenda

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**IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE
MEETING**

**Tuesday, August 2nd, 2016
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: May 3rd, 2016
4. Community Comments
5. New Business/Action Items:
 - a. Discussion and Election of Vice-Chair
 - b. Subcommittee Review and appointments
6. Old Business:
 - a. Immigration Committee updates to City Council
 - b. Cara Esquibel – honoring her at City Council
7. Comments from the Chair and Committee Members
8. Report from Staff
9. Adjournment

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**Immigration Committee
500 Market Street, Railyard Offices
4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
August 2, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present

Alejandra Seluja, Chair
Maria Cristina Lopez, Vice Chair
Susan Hayre
Elizabeth Hemmer
Marcella Diaz
Jewel Cabeza de Vaca
Javier Rios

Excused

Amparo Guerrero
MariaJose Ugalde-Alcazar

Others Present

Chris Sanchez, City of Santa Fe
Julie Sanchez, City of Santa Fe
Sgt. Judah Montano, SF City Police
Julia Valdez, SF County
Linda Vigil, Stenographer
Felipe Ringart, Resident

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Ms. Lopez moved to approve the Agenda as presented with a second from Ms. Hayre which passed by voice vote.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF April 5th, 2016

MOTION: Ms. Hayre moved to approve the minutes of April 5, 2016 with a second from Ms. Lopez which passed by voice vote.

4. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

There were no comments from the community.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A.) Discussion and Election of Vice Chair

A brief discussion was held about the Vice Chair position on the Immigration Committee. Previously, Mr. Rios showed interest in the position.

MOTION: Ms. Hemmer moved to nominate Mr. Rios to serve as Vice Chair of the Immigration Committee with a second from Ms. Lopez which passed by voice vote.

B.) Subcommittee Review and Appointments

Chair Seluja explained the Mayor's meeting with some members of the Immigration Committee to begin a Welcoming Communities Initiative. This is a project that was started by the White House as well. This has prompted the idea to discuss the structure of the subcommittees.

Chair Seluja presented a copy of the proposed subcommittees and suggested strategies. (See Exhibit A) Mr. Sanchez explained the combined efforts for the initiative.

Chair Seluja explained that a week after the meeting with the Mayor, the Credit Union Federation reached out by email to explain their similar work.

Chair Seluja reviewed each suggested Subcommittees and strategies and the key people she would like in them.

- Welcoming Communities Initiative- Ms. Hayre and Ms. Diaz
- Education- Ms. Lopez and Ms. Guerrero
- Social Media- Ms. Ugalde-Alcanzar and Ms. Cabeza de Vaca
- Refugee- Ms. Hemmer and Mr. Rios
- Police- Ms. Seluja and Mr. Sanchez

Chair Seluja explained the Mayor's request to be more involved with refugees. Ms. Hemmer discussed her work with the Catholic Charities. There are issues she would like to discuss with the public to find out what the needs are.

Chair Seluja suggested adding a group to meet with the SFPS (Santa Fe Public Schools) to keep the dialogue open. Now that Dr. Boyd is leaving there can be more discussion.

Ms. Diaz discussed the already standing subcommittees. Chair Seluja explained it is a way to incorporate all of the work and stay focused. With this suggestion, it may be easier to stay structured when there are busy times such as the legislature. This can also be part of the action plan and it can always be revised.

A brief discussion was held about Education and the working relationships that already exist.

Ms. Valdez briefly discussed the anti-oppression and language access all has aspects that can be part of all of the subcommittees. Mr. Rios agrees and states it overlaps a lot of issues that the community faces. A discussion was held about training.

Mr. Rios stated the subcommittees had never been this structures it would help if there were a point person to send emails as to when each subcommittee meets.

Mr. Sanchez states during the month that the Immigration Committee does not meet the subcommittees can focus on their work.

Ms. Diaz is concerned about where Health and anti-oppression will fit. Mr. Sanchez will conduct a presentation at the next meeting to explain Human Services and what it entails.

Ms. Diaz wants to assure that the Committee and subcommittees continue to review the policies of the City for Immigrants. Perhaps they can work with the Police Chief and work on law enforcement on a broader level.

Ms. Diaz explained she has a packet of information on the forms that need to be translated. There are several legal issues that need to be worked on for immigrants.

Mr. Rios added that the community feedback should be added to the strategy. Mr. Sanchez explained the process and how to formalize them into Policies.

Chair Seluja thanked Sgt. Montano for attending the meeting and reporting back to the Chief. Ms. Diaz would like to see Ms. Guerrero added to the Police subcommittee. Chair Seluja will send a notice out when there is a meeting with the Chief and will take any issues that are raised.

Ms. Diaz discussed a situation in Farmington and the need to have that dialogue with the Chief here.

Mr. Sanchez asked the other members of the committee how they feel about the subcommittees. Ms. Hayre described her feeling of the history of the standing committees and the now the new ones. It seems the intention is to make it more inclusive and combine efforts.

Ms. Hemmer discussed along range goal for citizen classes and allowing the exam to be taken in the person's language.

Chair Seluja discussed the goal from the President is to have those who are eligible apply for citizenship and vote. Ms. Hemmer stated there is the issue of asking to see Visas and ID cards that becomes a problem also.

Ms. Cdebaca discussed meeting with Ms. Ugalde-Alcazar to find ways to bring information out. Perhaps have an event where they can get the pulse of the community.

MOTION: Ms. Diaz moved to adopt the general framework of the subcommittees and have point people with the understanding that the ad hoc committees remain open and available, there is an option for anti-oppression and health subcommittees, that members can participate in other subcommittee's and the Welcoming Communities Initiative is an umbrella committee to work on police policies with a second from Mr. Rios which passed by voice vote.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A.) Immigration Committee updates to City Council

Chair Seluja reported these items will remain on the agenda until they are scheduled on the City Council agenda. Chair Seluja would like the subcommittees configured before then.

B.) Cara Esquibel-Honoring her at City Council

Same as above. A plaque will be presented to Ms. Esquibel's family at that time.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Seluja discussed and asked if any members know of any national efforts to get people to vote. Ms. Diaz explained that her organization (Somos Un Pueblo Unidos) has been registering voters in parts of the state. It is a nonpartisan effort.

A discussion was held about the local elections being important as well because of the local laws. Mr. Rios discussed the efforts by some organizations in Albuquerque that are working from now until November.

Ms. Hayre mentioned it is also a concern while she was in Mexico studying.

Ms. CdeBaca asked for clarification of the sensitivity of what is shared at the meetings. The matter was discussed and it was decided to remain nonpolitical but there are many issues with regards to human rights of the immigrants in the community. Mr. Sanchez can ask the legal department to be clear.

Ms. Diaz explained that the Committee cannot ask or support candidates but can talk about policies. A discussion was held about the fear in the community with the upcoming election.

The Committee sang Happy Birthday to Ms. Lopez.

Ms. Hayre reported on her trip to study family therapy in Mexico City. There were issues of oppression and there were great conversations. She is excited to get working here on some of those issues.

Chair Seluja announced the next Immigration Committee meeting will be October 4, 2016.

8. REPORT FROM STAFF

Mr. Sanchez congratulated Mr. Rios on his new appointment to serve as Vice Chair. Mr. Sanchez introduced Ms. Julie Sanchez who is the new program manager and may be attending meetings in the future.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Immigration Committee the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

SIGNATURES


Alejandra Seluja, Chair


Linda Vigil, Stenographer

City of Santa Fe

Immigration Committee

Subcommittees

2016-2017

Mayor Gonzales - Welcoming Communities Initiative (*Susan and Marcela*):

To engage our local community in immigrant and refugee integration efforts and call on our community to act on a set of principles to build inclusive, welcoming community that allow all residents to thrive and advance integration efforts in three core areas: civic, economic and linguistic integration.

Suggested Strategies:

- Develop policies, programs, or initiatives that build welcoming communities and provide all residents with the knowledge and tools to thrive and fully participate in their communities;
- Host events or issue proclamations, resolution or press release to commemorate Immigrant Heritage Month (June), World Refugee Day (June 20), Constitution Day and Citizenship Day (September 17) or National Welcoming Week (September 12-20);
- Establish a multi-sector collaborative to create a vision and strategy and comprehensive plan, to expand opportunities for new Americans and all residents; and
- Encourage immigrants and refugees to fully participate in civic life, harness the full potential of all residents and support English language learning

Education – (*Maria Cristina and Amparo*): To understand all academic pathways our immigrant and refugees follow and work toward removing the barriers that prevent our youth from receiving a good education.

Suggested Strategies:

- Identify if schools are using multiple forms of communication in the classroom, along with supporting native language development;



- Determine if schools have adopted or working toward using bilingual language development; immigrant youth are best supported when schools foster bicultural identities, enabling them to navigate multiple cultural worlds effectively.
- Verify if schools are working toward improving race relations and attenuate stereotypes and stereotype threat based on immigration status, ethnicity, and race, the more immigrant youth and their U.S.-born peers will thrive.
- Review policy and procedures related to Bullying Prevention and Intervention and ensure that all immigrant and refugee youth understand their rights.
- Review policy and procedures related to LBGTQ and ensure that all immigrant and refugee youth understand their rights.

Social Media & Communications – (MariaJose and Jewel): Create a work plan target the specific audience to communicate information, as it pertains to immigrants and refugees within the City of Santa Fe.

Suggested Strategy:

- Create a Social Media and Communications work plan, to include that includes: the goals, strategies and activities based on the target audience.
 - Media outlets to include: Radio, Webpage, Facebook, pamphlets, brochures, etc.
- Research other communities for immigration trends, gaps in services, etc.

Refugee – (Elizabeth and Javier): Identify access points for refugees that are inclusive of resettlement services:

Suggested Strategy:

- Assess the community to verify if any services, shelter, etc. is currently being provided in the community.
- Verify if a Screening Instrument is being used, to include, but not limited to:
 - Refugee (must have I-94 stamped "Refugee" pursuant to Section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act)
 - Cuban/Haitian Entrant (must have I-94 stamped "Parole" pursuant to Section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act)
 - Asylee (individuals must have been granted asylum; individuals with pending asylum claims generally are not eligible for refugee services)
 - Special Immigrant Visa (individuals must present green card or passport stamp indicating status)
 - Victims of Human Trafficking (for most services, victims must have certification from the Department of Health and Human Services)

Police Department – (Alejandra and Chris): To continue a joint partnership with our local Law Enforcement

Suggested Strategy:

- Continue monthly meetings with Chief and/or any other Law Enforcement, Judicial or Criminal Justice professionals deemed necessary.