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IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

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: January 3, 2012
4. Community Comments
5. New Business/Action Items:
 - a. Guadalupe Credit Union Presentation
 - b. Approval of discussion items for the City Council Presentation
6. Old Business:
 - a. Subcommittee Updates:
 - Welcoming Communities
 - Education
 - Social Media & Communications
 - Refugee Resettlement
 - Police Department
 - b. Update on Sanctuary City Resolution
7. Comments from the Chair and Committee Members
8. Report from Staff
 - a. Proclamation for Cara Esquibel
9. Adjournment

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IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 7, 2017
MARKET STATION CONFERENCE ROOM
4:30 p.m. – 5:38 p.m.

MINUTES

1) Call to Order

Ms. Alejandra Seluja, Chair, called the Immigration Committee meeting to order at 4:30 pm. A quorum was declared by roll call.

Present:

Alejandra Seluja, Chair
Javier Rios, Vice Chair
Maria Christina Lopez
Amparo Guerrero
Susan Hayre
Marcella Diaz
Jewel Cabeza de Vaca
Maria Ugalde-Alcazar

Not Present:

Elizabeth Hemmer, Excused

Others Present:

Chris Sanchez, Staff Liaison
Lt. Judah Montano, Santa Fe Police Department
Deputy Chief Salbidrez, Santa Fe
Kidiam Rodriguez, Guadalupe Credit Union
Anna Serrano for Fran Lucero, Stenographer

2) Approval of Agenda

Ms. Ugalde-Alcazar moved to approve the agenda as amended from 2012 to 2017, second by Ms. Guerrero, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

3) Approval of Minutes – January 3, 2017

Correct spelling for Ms. Susan Hayre – on the National Welcoming Committee Program

Ms. Lopez moved to approve the minutes of January 3, 2017 as amended, second by Ms. Hayre, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

4) Community Comments

Ed Moreno, Newly Elected Santa Fe County Commissioner

Mr. Moreno will be attending the meetings on behalf of Santa Fe County.

Julia may attend if schedule gets busy. Committee members expressed their thanks to Commissioner Moreno for attending.

Janet – Observing.

Mariana – Program Director who work with immigrant children at the public schools who need assistance regarding loss due to deportation. They serve about 100 children at this time. Safe Space is a place where the community can come and express their concerns. For example, Allegra Love shares up to date information and it gets communicated weekly at Ortiz School from 6-8 pm on Friday evening. One of the activities they have during safe space night is they can play soccer for the children and the parents most times accompany them and we share information with them. There are mainly teenagers and around 50 are now attending. This is a space where they can safely express their concerns. This program was created by Santa Fe Public Schools and goes hand in hand with the Sanctuary Resolution that was passed by the Santa Fe School Board. All spaces at the school are safe spaces and ICE is not admitted.

5) New Business / Action Items

a) Guadalupe Credit Union Presentation

The date and time of the Juntos Avanzamos Fair will be held March 10, 2017 from 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm. (Exhibit Attached)

Juntos Avanzamos has national recognition as a Safe Space and are offering the fair so those who participate will feel safe. She noted that approximately 700 people go through the branch offices on Friday's. The Mexican Consulate will be in attendance along with SOMOS, Christus St. Vincent, Allegra Love, Mujeres Adelante, Accion and the Santa Fe Police Department. It was also noted that they are going to offer this fair in Espanola in the near future.

Ms. Diaz said that there were about 40 families in Espanola and it was very organized. They were able to meet with the Mayor in Espanola and it was noted that Espanola has stronger sanctuary policies. Guadalupe Credit Union members were great. There are strong policies in the books. Ms. Diaz said thank you on behalf of the Immigration Committee and SOMOS.

Diane Sandoval-Griego, Financial & Education Outreach Coordinator
Ms. Rodriguez – Works for Guadalupe Credit Union and does outreach for Hispanic community.

The Chair noted that Guadalupe Credit Union was the first to receive the National Designation in the Country. It was started in Texas at that time for the Credit Union league. They found that institutions that are serving Latino, Hispanic, Immigration communities – they launched this program and Guadalupe Credit Union was the first to offer the services. Juntos Avanzamos is working with the immigration population to let them know where they can receive services and know that they are protected. There is now another financial institution in Albuquerque with this rating.

Ms. Diaz moved to endorse the Juntos Avanzamos Fair by the Immigration Committee in an unofficial capacity and attend this event, second by Ms. Hayre, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Deputy Chief Salbidrez asked the committee if they were aware of NAMI, they should be invited if at all possible. This is a program for families who have mental illness. The SFPD and SFFD are there to help them whenever they have a crisis. The Mobile Crisis Team is the group that provides the services. Services are free. Commissioner Moreno also talked about their mobile unit and asked that Mr. Sanchez reach out to Rachel O'Connor at Santa Fe County for more information.

b) Approval of Discussion Items for the City Council Presentation

Exhibit B – This document was sent to the City Manager on behalf of the Immigration Committee. The Chair noted that these are the items that she will update the City Council also committees that have been created and future goals. The Chair confirmed that this document was sent in the past to the City Manager and she asked for updates from the committee members.

Additions:

Ms. Diaz – It is very clear that we are an advisory committee. We can add recommendations that have been made in the last two years where they can enumerate the recommendations. A lot of votes are taken on recommendations and this way they don't get lost in other categories. It is good to keep record of what is presented to City Council.

It was noted that the correct dates should be reflected when presented to the City Council. Mr. Sanchez said that this process will take place for the next 2-3 months as all Boards and Commissions have to present to the City Council.

Ms. Guerrero recommended that the Chair look at past sets of minutes that reflect information.

The Chair will send out a final draft to the committee members for an approval at a later date.

Ms. Diaz moved to table the approval of the City Council Presentation document to a later date, second by Ms. Hayre, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

6) Old Business

a) Subcommittee Updates

• Welcoming Communities – Ms. Marcella Diaz

Ms. Diaz noted that they are in communication with the City requesting approval of their membership in the Welcoming Committee. They would like to announce, although not coming directly from the committee, there was a Memorial that was dropped yesterday in the NM Senate that they worked with Senator Martinez from Rio Arriba County on police policies, sanctuary policies, jail policies, etc. They would have a lot to lose from the Trump Administration on non-discriminatory

policies at a city and county level. His memorial talks about all the costs, both economic, social and familial costs of these executive orders if they were actually implemented and funded, what they would cost our community. Ms. Diaz said they wanted to use it to educate local policy makers; we have a 10th Amendment right to basically determine how we use our local resources. One of the things that it says (Ms. Diaz will send the study to the Immigration Committee members), they took a look at 500 communities in the country that have policies that insure that local municipalities including law enforcement are not sharing immigration status with ICE or not doing the work of ICE. When they did that study it was found that crime has gone down in those communities. Not only are we saving ourselves from lawsuits; people are feeling safe. Basically it is asking the Legislature to take a strong stand against the policies, getting good legal information to our city and counties on what our authorities are. The Memorial backs up the policies we have for sanctuary communities. They are asking the Attorney General and the State Auditor to provide information on immigration law. It also urges Congress not to fund such a thing as building a wall. Ms. Diaz stated that our State Constitution is more extensive than the Federal Constitution when it comes to protecting vulnerable minorities.

Ms. Diaz made reference to the non-discrimination and protecting confidential information resolution. They went back and looked at the City Charter, which also is more expansive in protecting vulnerable minorities. One of the things that it says very clearly and it was voted upon by the people of Santa Fe, it says “our city will not adopt any policies, not adopt any ordinances, will not condone any laws, policies or ordinances that discriminate against people based on race, color, disability, LGBT status, national origin and citizenship status.”

Mr. Sanchez said he will be carrying the Legislation, Finance Committee will meet on February 13th at 4:00 pm, February 21st is Public Safety Committee and 22nd is City Council. Mr. Sanchez urged the committee to attend.

Ms. Diaz is working with the New Mexico TRD to ensure that people are not finger printed as they have been given incorrect information for their driver’s licenses. Many local citizens expressed their concern to the legislators that they have been given incorrect information.

- **Education – Amparo Guerrero**

Ms. Guerrero noted that her sub-committee is conducting the Multicultural Community Forum on Thursday, February 9, 2017. It will be held at Sweeney Elementary School from 5:00pm – 7:00pm. (Exhibit C)

Maria Cristina Lopez paid tribute to Cara Esquibel who before her passing worked very hard with Santa Fe Public Schools on this program and to work with the parents to advocate for their kids.

- **Social Media & Communications – No Report**
- **Refugee Resettlement – Javier Rios**

Mr. Rios reported that Ms. Hemmer met with Father Adam at the Cathedral and will attend a future meeting with the Ecumenical Council regarding the refugee resettlement. Ms. Lopez said her recollection is that the Mayor is very interested in working with the refugees in our community. Ms. Lopez said perhaps this committee could write up a resolution or memorial where we would explain the suffering of our immigrants and provide support of the Immigration Committee. The Chair said we did that with the Driver's License matter. The Chair asked that we add Refugee Resettlement as an action item for the next month meeting and in the interim create the wording.

Ms. Lopez proposed that the Immigration Committee organize/sponsor a legal clinic. Immigrants, refugees have many questions and if this committee could orchestrate this type of function, it would be extremely helpful. Ms. Diaz said that through SOMOS they are in discussion to do something like this and she recommended that the Immigration Committee be invited to participate. Their plan is to hold an event of this type in the month of March. The goal is to get the city involved with those entities that are doing the work. It would be a Legal Clinic/Know Your Rights Forum in conjunction with the four entities of Government who have expressed their support.

- **Police Department – Deputy Chief Salbidrez**

Chief Salbidrez asked for help and support on crime prevention – a report from the NICD on stolen vehicles reports that Bernalillo County (Albuquerque) is second in the nation for stolen motor vehicles and we get that residual effect that these criminals will come in to our community. We felt that in 2016. The Santa Fe Police Department has mailed out over 11,000 flyers to residents in the south side of town advising them about stolen motor vehicles. The SFPD has noted that stolen motor vehicles are coming from the south side of town where individuals are heating up their vehicles and it becomes an easy steal. Burglaries in the state of New Mexico were #2 in the Nation. We need support and watchful eyes for these thieves, as a Police Department we cannot do it alone. We need your help.

Chief Salbidrez was pleased to report on the UVisa Policy, “The item has been posted for the Union to review. 10 days from now, if everything goes well we will then adopt it as a City Policy and that will be approximately February 17, 2017 and it will become Policy 101 added to our books.”

It was noted that UVisas have been issued utilizing Best Practices until it becomes a policy. It can be seen once it is approved and released. Ms. Diaz wanted to know if it could be sent to the Immigration Committee for review. Chief Salbidrez said that it has already been approved and reviewed by Legal. If the Committee plans to render or offer small changes it can be done after it becomes a Policy. Ms. Diaz added that part of what the Immigration Committee does is review policies. The Immigration Committee is normally being offered an

opportunity to review policies. Chief Salbidrez said that Immigration Committee has had that opportunity earlier in the process and it has been vetted by the Chief of Police and Legal. Dynamic documents can always be changed.

b) Update on Sanctuary City Resolution

Ms. Diaz said they are taking out the word Sanctuary because there is no legal definition for what Sanctuary is. There are several attorneys that are interested in representing the city if and when there is a challenge on any policies if the wording is clear. Ms. Diaz said that our policies need to be put in a more legal, defensible language and make them as strong as possible. We took out the word sanctuary and talked about what the resolution is going to do and not do.

7) Comments from the Chair and Committee Members

The Chair read the sentiment wording for the plaque for Cara Esquibel, which will be in Spanish as she would have liked. This will go hand-in-hand for the Proclamation. Mr. Sanchez said he would need help with the wording for the Proclamation and together set the date for the reading and presentation at City Council.

Ms. Diaz said that her students would like to attend. Her birthday was on July 17th – it would be easier to do it a date earlier when her students and schools are still in session. July 17th could be her day – but presentation possibly around her anniversary date. More information to follow.

8) Report from Staff

a) Proclamation for Cara Esquibel

Mayor Gonzales would like to issue a proclamation, Cara Esquibel Day in March and invite her family and present them with a plaque that they have in her memory and hard work.

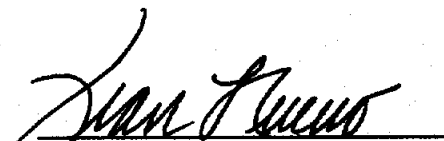
Next meeting date: March 7, 2017 at 4:30 pm.

9) Adjournment

There being no further action to discuss at the Immigration Committee meeting, the Chair called for adjournment at 5:38 pm.

Signature:


Alejandra Seluja, Chair


Fran Lucero, Stenographer



Juntos Avanzamos Fair

**Save the Date - March 10 from 2-7pm - for the first
Juntos Avanzamos Community Fair.**

Free and open to the public, the fair brings together community groups with resources for everyone, but especially directed to the Hispanic community in Northern New Mexico.

Participants include: *Somos Un Pueblo Unido, Christus St. Vincent, United Way of Santa Fe County, beWellNM, the Consulate of Mexico* and more.

Come to the GCU Airport Branch to learn more and take part in the fun!

Exhibit A

5. B.

The time that was established resolution and committee

Resolution 1999-6 – Immigration Committee

(1) Provide a list of accomplishments from the past 2 years.

ADVOCACY

- Advocated and testified on behalf of the Immigration Committee in support of Drivers Licenses, in all State Legislative Sessions since 2010.
- Presented questions to Gubernatorial candidates to understand their stance on protecting the Civil Rights of Immigrants in our State.
- Testified before the City Council Meeting, regarding growth and economic impact of Immigrant populations in the South Side/ South West area of Santa Fe.

POLICIES, IMMIGRATION LAWS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

- Met with Chief Schilling regarding complaint form.
- Review and update complaint form for biased policy with Captain Aric Wheeler.
- Met three times with United States Customs and Immigration Services (USCIS) Albuquerque Director, and once with Regional Director. Discussed Applications procedures, rejections, issues with having same granting and enforcement agencies under one roof. Abuses to the immigrant community about paperwork, deceptive practices affecting immigrants looking for adjustment of status or citizenship.
- Met with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Regional Director to have on record responses to different types of complaints brought to the Committee by individuals dealing with ICE.
- Met with Pablo Sedillo, Director of Santa Fe County Jail. Discussed ICE holds, policy changed after that meeting to protect the rights of immigrant detainees.

COMMUNITY

- Represented the Immigration Committee in the Quality of Life Panel. Set by Senator Heinrich, Representative Ben Ray Luján, and Councilor Carmichael Domínguez.
- Participated in dinner with sister city San Miguel de Allende's Mayor and Mexican Consulate to talk about how to help mirror what Santa Fe has done to palliate income disparity.
- Collaboration with Youth and Advisory Board.
- Proclamation Caravan for Peace.
- Proclamation for El Grito – Mexican Independence celebration.
- Hosted panel for Immigrants to ask questions regarding bullying, communication process (scarce resources in Spanish) with Santa Fe Public Schools Superintendent Joel Boyd.
- Met with Mayor Gonzales, police Chief and Captain regarding complaint about ICE being on Santa Fe streets.

Exhibit B

- Participated on the Task Force to create a Southside Merchants Association: meetings, surveys, identify issues immigrant businesses face. Growth in the area.

(2) Provide a list of pending work/legislation.

We are keeping an eye on

- Immigration Reform at the national level.
- The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Executive Order, application process success and challenges.
- Results to Application for Adjustment of Status for Gay Couples.
- State laws that could impact Immigrants in Santa Fe.

(3) Summarize upcoming issues the Board/Committee will be working on in the next year.

- Outreach to City Officials to create a strong, ongoing collaboration.
- Police Chief search questions.
- Review procedures for Economic Development Department and Minimum Wage Enforcement
- Health Care: Explore expansion of indigent fund. Review health care access to mixed immigrant families that do not qualify for the Affordable Care Act.
- Immigration reform: Resolutions for Municipal Leagues, Association of Counties.
- Language access: Inventory of City documents that need to be translated.
- Explore the possibility of doing a fair for legal counseling for immigrants.
- Education issues: follow up with progress on issues brought to Superintendent Boyd.
- Continue to monitor DACA and Equal Marriage applicants' rights protection.

6. Education



**The Santa Fe Public School's
Bilingual Multicultural Department**

and

**The City of Santa Fe's Immigrant Committee
and Education Subcommittee**

Invite

Multicultural Community Forum



Thursday, February 9, 2017

Sweeney Elementary School

501 Airport Rd – 505-467-1500

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

You participate, you decide!

Exhibit C



**Escuelas Públicas de Santa Fé
Programa Bilingüe y Multicultural**

y

**Cómite de Immigrantes de la Ciudad de Santa Fé
Subcomité de Educación**

Invita

Foro Comunitario Multicultural



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Tu participas, tu decides!