



# Agenda

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## IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, October 3, 2017**

**Market Station**

**Boneyard**

**500 Market Station**

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

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes: September 19, 2017
4. Community Comments
5. New Business/Action Items:
  - a. DACA discussion – Allegra Love
6. Old Business:
  - a. Subcommittee Updates:
    - Welcoming Communities
    - Education
    - Social Media & Communications
    - Refugee Resettlement
    - Police Department
7. Comments from the Chair and Committee Members
8. Report from Staff
9. Adjournment

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**MINUTES OF THE**  
**CITY OF SANTA FE**  
**Immigration Committee**  
**MEETING**  
**Santa Fe, New Mexico**

**October 3, 2017**

A meeting of the City of Santa Fe Human Services Committee was called to order by Alejandra Seluja, Chair at 4:30 p.m. at Market Station Offices, 500 Market Street, Suite 200, Main Conference Room, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Roll Call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Alejandra Seluja, Chair  
Javier Rios  
Marcella Diaz  
Maria Cristina Lopez  
Jewel Cabsz de Vaca  
Susan Hayre  
Amparo Guerrero  
Elizabeth Hemmer

**MEMBER(S) ABSENT:**

Maria Jose Ugalde-Alzacar

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Chris L. Sanchez, Youth and Family Services Division Director

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Allegra Love, Director of Santa Fe Dreamers Project  
Sheila Lewis, Solace Crisis Treatment Center

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Lopez moved to approve agenda with item #3 tabled., second by Ms. Guerrero, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** No minutes available

## **NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:**

### **a. Allegra Love**

- Ms. Love indicated that the deadline for submitting the DACA renewals or apply for a new DACA card is Thursday, October 5, 2017. Ms. Love stated that she essentially stopped her services with her agency. Ms. Love further stated that on March 6, 2017, we will see our first person to become undocumented, unless there is a change in congress. Ms. Love stated that President Trump said that they will be accepting renewal submissions for DACA, until March 5, 2017. Starting March 6, those who didn't get their cards renewed, they are going to start falling out of status. Ms. Love stated that they conducted over 200 cases in the last couple months. Ms. Love stated that she hopes they were able to help, as many people as possible. Ms. Seluja asked for people that are working, what was going happen after March 6, 2017 with those who have a social security number and their DACA expired. Ms. Love stated that it is still their social security number, but DACA kids have cards that state it is valid for work purposes only, unless it is accompanied with a valid work permit, it not useful for filling out an I-9 form. She further stated, those social security numbers are not permission to work in the United States. It is basically a tax identification number. Ms. Love indicated that her office is preparing for cases pertaining to green card application and U-visas. For kids under the age of 18, they will be researching ways to find a more permit form of protection for kids.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Subcommittee Updates:**

- Welcoming Communities (Susan Hayre and Marcella Diaz)
  - Ms. Diaz asked Ms. Love is she would be willing to stick around for her subcommittee report, especially about the U-visas. Ms. Love stated that they can handle about 50 cases a year and have a 50 cases waiting list. A guest in the audience (Shelia Lewis) stated, so the bottle neck is not the City of Santa Fe Police Department. Ms. Love stated that the SFPD is amazing and have been efficient. She stated that there are delays within the District Attorney's Office. Ms. Love stated that the true bottle neck issue is that they don't have enough man power in the city to meet the demand. Ms. Diaz stated that she requested that the Mayor sign onto a letter for DACA extension. Ms. Diaz stated that 154,000 people will expire before March 6, 2017 and only had about three and half weeks to mail in their extension. Ms. Love stated that what Ms. Diaz stated isn't entirely true. Ms. Love stated that the rule is that people should start 150 days before the expiration date. Ms. Diaz stated that Mayor Gonzales signed the letter and basically the letter is asking for an extension for DACA. Ms. Diaz stated that they continue working with her working group and the implementation of the sanctuary. She further stated that she wanted to have Shelia Lewis talk about her contract with the city to review and assist the local police

department with the U-visa process. Ms. Lewis stated that she is on the payroll of Solace, but my funding comes from the city of Santa Fe under the Police Department's budget. She further stated that she kind of under the police department even though she doesn't work for the city of Santa Fe. Her role is to coordinate services for sexual assault and domestic violence cases. One of the jobs added to her role is to help with the U-visa's because she is a lawyer. Ms. Lewis stated that she entered into a contract with the SFPS. Ms. Lewis stated, if they deny a U-visa, she is called and asked to review, so she can clarify their concerns. She stated that they don't have to listen to her and could discount what she has to say. She hasn't received any U-visas since this contract was in place. She understood that there were many denials, but had heard that there were two. Ms. Lewis stated that she had not seen them, or where not forwarded to her. She didn't know why they hadn't been sent; maybe they forgot they entered into this contract with me or wish they hadn't. She will talk with the Police Department. Ms. Love indicated that most U-visas are processed through lawyers. She further asked, did any of the lawyers call you? Ms. Lewis stated, it supposed to be through the Police Department. Ms. Love stated that there aren't many local lawyers who are working on U-visas, so it wouldn't be hard for them to call her and talk about the denial. Ms. Lewis stated that would be great. Ms. Diaz stated that during the last Immigration Committee meeting, Deputy Chief Salbidrez stated that he had denied four and reassessed two that were lacking more information. Ms. Diaz further stated, he said something that was very disturbing. She said she talked to immigration attorneys who were indicating that the Department of Homeland Security contacted the Department and said immigration attorney or firm was committing fraud, but he didn't give many details. He said that it is concerning. Ms. Diaz stated that she asked some folks, what is going on; they said this is actually something they have been hearing across the Country. She said the Department of Homeland Security are directly calling the local law enforcement agencies that are certifying and creating doubt and stating, don't be certifying too many of these. Ms. Diaz stated, if the police department is going to suspect this law firm and deny the U-visas, because of the brush of fraud, Ms. Lewis should be reviewing, correct? Ms. Lewis stated yes. Ms. Diaz stated, so more information can be given to the police department and us. Ms. Diaz further stated, that the Deputy Chief stated that in one case, it was not city jurisdiction because they were not the principle arresting agency or agency that took the report. Ms. Diaz asked about what is the legality of this? She continued by stating, our understanding the as long as the attorney provides all the information and reports, any law enforcement agency can certify it with that information. Ms. Love stated that they can, but are not required to. Ms. Diaz stated that is where Ms. Lewis comes in and informs our police department. Ms. Lewis stated that she will be communicating with the police department. Ms. Diaz stated to Ms. Lewis, is there anything we can help with or do want us contact the police department directly because that is what you are contracted to do. She further stated that it is more than just individual

certification, but serving as a U-visa certification liaison. Ms. Lewis stated that she will remind them. Ms. Diaz stated it would be good to know and understand under what circumstances is DHS making these calls. Ms. Lewis stated that she will follow-up. Ms. Love stated that there is a seventeen year wait list for U-visas. Ms. Love stated that they are giving 10,000 U-visas a year. She stated that there at 10,000 being requested a month. Ms. Diaz stated that if there is anything the Immigration Committee can do to help, we will. Susan Hayre stated that they have one last thing. She stated that they have the official Welcoming Committee membership letter. They are going to send in the letter and then they will have to send in the funding and they will become formally recognized.

- Education (Amparo Guerrero and Maria Cristina Lopez)
  - Ms. Guerrero and Ms. Lopez met last week and reorganized their work. They want to conduct the following: meet with Lisa Vigil, multicultural director, meet with James Lujan, Associate Superintendent, and meet with Veronica Garcia, Superintendent. They want to attend the Quality advisory committee regarding immigrant issues and what is their role and want to understand what the policies are for immigrant student in schools. Next meeting they will give a report on all the above. Ms. Lopez indicated that they are starting all over again because there is all new administration. She further stated that she wants to know what the schools are doing for the parents and children of immigrants and how they are protecting the civil rights of all immigrants
- Social Media & Communications (Jewel Cabeza de Vaca and Maria Jose Ugaledo-Alzazar)
  - Needs to get all pictures and bios from all members. Mr. Sanchez indicated that he is going to be hiring a special projects position. This position will be overseeing Immigration and Veterans and other special projects throughout the department. Marcella asked about the how the social media will be handled. Mr. Sanchez indicated that this position will ultimately be responsible for this. Ms. Diaz asked if both of the subcommittee members need to work with this position to get items posted on the website. Mr. Sanchez indicated yes. Ms. Diaz then stated that it will probably be sometime until the position is filled, in the meantime, how will the committee be able to post items. Mr. Sanchez indicated that he and Julie Sanchez have the ability to conduct this. Mr. Sanchez further stated that he is working on getting the subcommittee members together to finish the framework, and then move forward with building the website. Mr. Sanchez stated that events, civil rights information or other items deem appropriate to post, can be forwarded to me. Ms. Diaz stated she will forward the information to be posted.
- Refugee Resettlement (Elizabeth Hemmer and Javier Rios)
  - Ms. Hemmer stated that she wanted for Mr. Rios to become the chair of this subcommittee, but stated, she hadn't spoken to him about it. She is appointed as the cathedral's representative on the interfaith council for refugees. Ms. Hemmer stated that she will work with Mr. Rios to make this transition.

- Police Department
  - Nothing to report

### **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Chair Seluja stated that for next meeting, we get Mr. Duran from Department of Motor Vehicle to come in and speak to us about the Real ID act.

Ms. Lopez asked about the stenographer for this meeting. Mr. Sanchez stated that because the quick turnaround for this meeting, a stenographer was not scheduled.

### **REPORT FROM STAFF**

There were no comments from the Staff.

### **MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

There were no matters from the floor.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

  
for  
Alejandra Seluja, Chair

**Respectively submitted by:**

  
Chris Sanchez, Community Services Interim Department Director