



Agenda

IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Market Station

Caboose Room

500 Market Station

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

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes: April 9th Meeting
4. Community Comments
5. New Business/Action Items:
 - a. Mayor's resolution regarding support for asylum applicants
6. Old Business:
 - a. Subcommittee Updates:
 - i. Welcoming Communities
 1. Legislative Updates
 - i. Education
 1. Dr. Lujan's update on schools
 - ii. Social Media & Communications
 1. Potential Facebook Page
 - a. Update from city.
 - iii. Police Department
 1. Introduction of new police liaison (May meeting will be Lt. Montuno's last as he is retiring). The new liaison is Lt. José Gonzales.
7. Comments from the Chair and Committee Members
8. Report from Staff
9. Adjournment

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MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 7, 2019
4:30 – 6:00 pm

1. Call to Order: The Immigration Committee meeting was called to order by Javier Rios, Acting Chair at 4:30 pm, Market Station, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Roll Call reflects a quorum.

Roll Call:

PRESENT

Javier Rios, Acting Chair
Ivan Cornejo
Marcela Diaz
Susan Hayre

NOT PRESENT

Amparo Guerrero, Chair, Excused
Maria Cristina Lopez, Excused
Jewel Cabeza de Vaca, Excused

OTHERS PRESENT

Somos Un Pueblo Unido

Sulema Chavero, Rayos Burciaga, Veronica Velasquez and Elizabeth Lara
Rosario Roybal CIS Site Coordinator
Kyra Ochoa, Director
Sgt. Judah Montano, Santa Fe Police Department
Anna Serrano for Fran Lucero, Stenographer

2. Approval of Agenda
Lt. Gonzales not present change to Update from Police Department.

Ms. Hayre moved to approve the agenda as amended, second by Mr. Cornejo, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. Approval of Minutes – April 9, 2019
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4. Community Comments

Audience Introductions

(Presented in Spanish) Translated the best possible. FAL

Rosario Roybal: She ran in to Maria Cristina Lopez and Amparo Guerrero and talked with them regarding her son and his father who came to a previous meeting. Thank you to Dr. Lujan for his assistance with the schools, papers had to be resubmitted. Ms. Roybal stated that when she was asked by Ms. Lopez and Ms. Guerrero how things were going for the young boy and she stated that the proper papers needed to be renewed in order to receive services. 1st of year this did not happen, the papers were not submitted. Citizenship may be expedited this year. The father wanted to submit a complaint to the school district and Mr. Lujan helped him with this. Ms. Roybal said that when they came to the Immigration Committee for help, it was to help the father because she could not help with the paperwork There is no mother in the picture. The principal of the school agreed to update the son's papers and the process was not moving forward. There is no information available on the process, May 10th is the deadline. Ms. Roybal has asked for an appointment with the principal and the person who administers and processes the documents. The principal of the school and the teacher have not responded. There is a lot of information missing at this time. The school is putting blame on the district in which the boy is attending school. Ms. Roybal can check the status through school systems and she saw that it was not moving forward. They may need to expedite. The boy has gone 2 years and his grades are bad. The boy's behavior is better but it has been bad and he needs attention. There is a great need to get this paperwork processed, everyone blames each other, they blame the district. The Counselor knows that the situation is difficult and that he is not receiving the attention he needs and deserves.

Susan Hayre: Who says that? Have they sent SAT to the District? They did not do a SAT this year. Ms. Hayre said that if there is not SAT the district cannot permit services. It is the responsibility of the school to give the information to the district.

Rosario Roybal: No not this year, we are in hopes that they will expedite the services.

Susan Hayre: This is the school responsibility.

Dr. Lujan asked about this situation and he was told that this family is receiving help at home and that things are better. The Director also says that they had a wellness meeting and that they discussed that they would have the SAT meeting the 13th of May. The SAT meeting is very lengthy because the supporting documents are many. An in-home therapist and the father will also attend the meeting. After this meeting the Diagnostician will do the review. May 22nd is the end of school year. It was noted that this information is very private. The Director says that they won't meet the deadline before May 22nd. He also said he was working with CIS and the father. Dr. Lujan cannot give much more information at the principal level due to privacy.

Ms. Hayre stated that it is her understanding that he will have to start a new SAT next year.

Ms. Diaz: Does not know the system. There seems to be a lack of communication.

Ms. Roybal: She has an e-mail where she wrote to the principal and the teacher and requested dates and status and did not get a response. That is what she has been asking for, communication.

Dr. Lujan: There are many things that we cannot provide due to confidentiality. She is an employee of Community in Schools, but she is not the parent of this student. Ms. Roybal means well but the teacher cannot give information because she is not a parent.

Ms. Diaz said that this family should be assigned an advocate.

Dr. Lujan said absolutely.

Ms. Roybal said she is part of the wellness team and she has been working with the student for at least 2 years now, she got the therapist for him and she brought the family to the Immigration Committee.

Ms. Diaz said she is trying to understand the roles. It is an issue of communication, lack of communication, the parents are not getting the information on the process and it seems like there is normally an advocate, is that you or is there another person who can be the liaison of communication?

Ms. Roybal said yes, pretty much so. This is what she asked for the first time she came with the father. We were asking for someone who spoke Spanish.

Ms. Diaz stated that yes she brought him here but we do not work for the SFPS. She imagines that there is a process in the schools to assist these parents, and that maybe you.

Dr. Lujan said that SFPS does encourage advocacy preparedness but there has to be a written waiver in order to assure the process is followed. Dr. Lujan said they are fortunate to have Rosario at the school.

Ms. Diaz then said that it is Ms. Roybal's role, right?

Ms. Roybal said that she does have a signed document from the father. She is happy that she was allowed to speak and that there were interested members who inquired about the status. She does not want to wait another year, she is here to help the father. It is important to reiterate that he is a very smart young man.

Ms. Diaz reminded the attendees that much of the information is confidential and this meeting is recorded and public record.

Dr. Lujan stated that the comment made about expediting the paperwork, we need to respect that there are other kids in line. And Diagnosticians we have to contract out, there are very few Diagnosticians who are bi-lingual. This happens across our state and our country. It is hard to expedite paperwork, we can talk off line.

Ms. Roybal respects the statement from Dr. Lujan and she does not want to overstep the positions of others in line but this student has been waiting for 2-years.

Ms. Diaz asked what role does Community in Schools have in situations like this?

Mr. Cornejo: Pretty much every school has its team, ask Community in Schools Coordinators, every school has a SAT leader who is the liaison between the parent and the process for the district.

Ms. Roybal said they do have one and the SAT leader does not remember anything about this, there is no evidence of an appointment or knowledge of anything related to this boy.

Ms. Diaz: We cannot case manage from this committee, our job is to give policy and institutional recommendations to anybody who wants to accept it from us. Not so much the intricacies of what is happening with the family but what do you think can be improved and what could be changed to come up with a different outcome that is more institutional? Is it the communication, I hear the story and I think there is a lot of lack of communication with the school directly and the family or there isn't an intermediary that can deal with this because there isn't a waiver in place. What would make it better for future families that are going through this.

Ms. Roybal: We need someone who is bi-lingual, the diagnostician or the one who explains the services, to be able to communicate with them. The father went through the process and they asked him a lot of questions, they gave him an interpreter, she was

from Spain, their dialect were different, Espanol and Spanish were different. Ms. Roybal said they then gave him someone from northern New Mexico so again the dialect was different.

It was noted that there are many families that need help and the answer they get is that it could take years because there is no one to interpret. Many in the audience gave their examples of what they have been through in this waiting process. It was reiterated that there is a big different from the language in Spain and that of Mexico.

Mr. Cornejo: To conclude, if there is a meeting he encourages that Ms. Roybal continue to speak with the wellness contact and the principal at the school.

Ms. Roybal said that secondly we need more money for special services. Accountability, even amongst us is hard. We know that we need to set deadlines when we start until we finish.

Ms. Diaz said that the father did get here with desperation, the father knew the timeline and he needed help.

Mr. Rios asked what is the qualifications needed to be a Diagnostician?

Dr. Lujan said that a Diagnostician has the approval to test and analyze the test from IQs to different angles of how kids think and what they think, what they lack and gaps. It is a full patch career.

Mr. Rios asked if the schools are working towards recruiting bilingual diagnosticians.

Dr. Lujan: Absolutely, they have gone to 6 different states in the last month and a half to recruit. There have been a lot of announcements on line, we have offered incentives for them, and more, there are very few. I spent 19 years with APD and there was a shortage.

Ms. Roybal: Thank you for your attention this evening. If you know of anyone who can help this father please call me.

5. New Business/Action Items

a. Mayor's Resolution regarding support for asylum applicants

Kyra Ochoa wrote the draft resolution. Director of Community Services

Ms. Ochoa felt it important for the Immigration Committee review the resolution and stated that this is a draft and she is very open to making any changes. The whole process of trying to respond to an influx of asylum seekers at the border in Las Cruces and Albuquerque has been a quick learning curve and we still have a lot to learn. Victor is assisting Ms. Ochoa and if anyone wants to lend a hand on how Santa Fe can respond to the crisis. There is an opportunity to deeper the

conversation of the needs of not only asylum seekers but immigrants in our community. That may be the place in this resolution but one of the things that the Project Coordinator who was with us for a week talked about with Partners was possibly doing an educational series. What is happening at the border now, what are the needs of immigrants in Santa Fe, what are some of the concerns we need to think of, what are the local organizations doing and how can people support local organizations more so we are not only addressing needs of people coming through temporarily in New Mexico and more out of New Mexico. We are opening it up and she looks forward to feedback.

Ms. Diaz: Is there a reason why no asylum? Most folks coming in are asking for asylum.

Ms. Ochoa: What do you think? Do you think it should say asylum seekers/immigrants? I'm afraid that it muddies the water not saying asylum seekers.

Ms. Diaz: I think it is clear that is being precipitated by the recent influx of migrants at the border and they are for the most part requesting asylum. I like that it talks about immigrants and migrants but we probably should reference asylum.

Ms. Ochoa: I thought about changing in page 2, 3rd to the last Whereas; recently the US Border Patrol began to transfer hundreds of non-citizens, I thought asylum seekers would be more appropriate.

Ms. Diaz: Many of whom are requesting asylum in the United States....

Ms. Ochoa: The other part that needed to be said is that it is not only in Las Cruces but ICE is also transferring via El Paso to Albuquerque. I thought: Whereas; the city of Albuquerque is receiving asylum seekers from El Paso, or something like that.

Ms. Diaz: You can say migrants and asylum seekers. I also noticed that you mentioned the City Charter which is also in the Resolution of 2017. But, it didn't have the second part of it which I thought directly speaks to why so many different kinds of people feel persecuted personally in their countries. That is the City Charter and Ms. Diaz proceeded to read. (2017 Resolution read by Ms. Diaz and she will send it to Ms. Ochoa). Ms. Diaz feels it would make sense to put this working back in to the Resolution again, based on one of those categories, people are seeking asylum. I made the assumption that the reason it wasn't there is because it talks about the residents of Santa Fe which leads to the larger issue which there are people in the city of Santa Fe who are in the current process of seeking asylum and are living here. We want to support through this committee and recognize that in some way and make it a Further Resolved. It could be through the Immigration Committee could provide recommendations, not just on this but maybe #3 Be It Further that there are people who are facing deportation in the City of Santa Fe who

are in the process of seeking asylum in the City of Santa Fe who may lose their protective status and who also could potentially seek asylum and so we need to make sure we are dedicating resources to that effort as well. I don't know if we could make that #3 or say that the Immigration Committee will help the city identify ways to support asylum seekers and migrants who are facing deportation in the city of Santa Fe. We already do that to some degree in our support of NM Immigrant Law Center, Santa Fe Dreamers Project, we give funding to some legal organizations that can help but I think that our committee can identify other ways that we can continue to support.

Ms. Ochoa: That sounds great and she looks forward to the language that was just said. That will be helpful, and putting that in as #3, she would be happy to do that.

Javier Rios, Acting Chair: People don't understand what asylum seekers are. It would be helpful if our city leaders would look at this as a legal process. Albuquerque has the largest Hub. We need to educate the public on exactly what "asylum" means and the role of asylum seekers as they are travelling to where they are going, not everyone wants to come to Santa Fe.

Ms. Diaz: But if they do, we would actually be the beneficiaries because Immigrants whether they are asylum or not make our community stronger. Some of the Immigration Attorney's told the city and the rest of us, "you don't want asylum seekers to come to New Mexico because we have a really bad district. 99% of the asylum cases they deny, you want them to seek asylum in NY or San Francisco, but the truth is there are people in Santa Fe who are seeking asylum since they have family members and they may get rejected. Or if they are put in to deportation proceedings because of the uptake of ICE enforcement in Santa Fe they also have the right during those proceedings to request asylum and many of them do. Again in the Trump Administration is taking away temporary protective status from a lot of people, they also have the right to seek asylum and live in our community, if we can recognize that.

Ms. Ochoa: Having the help of this committee and putting together a way to communicate and educate in some of these points that really need to be made is an ask beyond the Resolution and I don't know when and how that happens, whether it is a presentation to the governing body or just a series we work together to stand up on various topics that are distinct. What is happening on the border right now and who are these people, what is happening in Santa Fe and who are these people and what do we need to do. Ms. Ochoa met with the Dreamers and they said they are seeing a ten-fold increase in asylum seekers in Santa Fe. There are a lack of resources to help those people right now. Talking to Albuquerque today, that most people that they receive from Las Cruces and El Paso they are sending back to Las Cruces and El Paso because they get on the greyhound bus from Albuquerque to get where they are going. Some people want to host a family in their home, that is a

real question we have. We need practical tips on how to educate our community. There are people who want to give money and give time, how do they do this.

Ms. Hayre expressed her thanks to Ms. Ochoa and committee members for entertaining this discussion tonight.

Ms. Hayre moved to recommend supporting the Resolution with the acknowledgement for the need for the language on asylums and the need for the acknowledgement for the more extensive language that could be pulled from the 2017 resolution and also a Further Resolved that we recognize acknowledge that there are many residents in Santa Fe, people who reside or choose to reside in Santa Fe who can apply for asylum or have already applied for asylum in a WHEREAS and in the #3 Be It Therefore – talking about dedicating personnel and resources in supporting asylum seekers who reside in Santa Fe and who chose to reside in Santa Fe and currently reside in Santa Fe and in the 2nd Be it further Resolved where it says Immigration Committee provides recommendations to the City in its coordination of assistance adding some language in its coordination of assistance and provide recommendations on ways that the city can continue to support people in Santa Fe who are asylum seekers and live in Santa Fe, second by Ms. Diaz, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The Resolution will need to be re-written with the added language.

6. Old Business

a. Subcommittee Updates

- Welcoming Communities – Legislative Updates (Report given in Spanish, not translated below.)

Ms. Diaz stated that these are surrogates from SOMOS un Pueblo Unido that led the legislative work that this committee supported. These women worked hard on the proposed legislation and Ms. Diaz felt they should give the legislative recap. Minimum wage was one. Rep. Rubio sponsored this legislation. Ms. Diaz spoke about minimum wage going up but not for 3 years.

- Driver's License – Driver's Authorization Card
- Minimum Wage will go up slowly throughout the next 3 years.
- Expanding renewable energy standards and ensuring rural worker's do not get left behind.
- Ensuring DWS has more resources to hire additional wage theft investigators.

(Sgt. Montano excused himself from meeting due to a prior commitment)

- Education – Dr. Lujan Update on Schools
This week is Teacher Appreciation Week. May 22nd is the last day of school and will have early dismissal. (Not for staff). Graduation is also coming up for high schools in Santa Fe. There is an increase in graduation rates this year.
- Social Media & Communications – Chair stated that there was not much to report.
 - Potential Facebook Page
 - Update from City
- Police Department – Report at next month meeting.
 - Introduction of new police liaison (May meeting will be Lt. Montano's last meeting as he is retiring). The new liaison is Lt. Jose Gonzales.

7. Comments from the Chair and Committee Members

Ms. Hayre: It has been an honor to serve on the Immigration Committee, thank you for allowing me to contribute to this committee.

8. Report from Staff

None

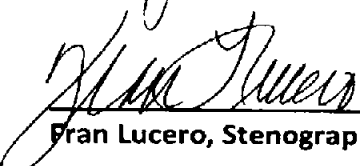
9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Immigration Committee, the Acting Chair called to adjourn at 6:00 pm.

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 Javier Rios, Acting Chair



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