



# Agenda

**Immigration Committee  
MEETING AGENDA  
Tuesday, November 5, 2019  
Round House Room, 500 Market Station, Suite 200  
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes:
  - a. October 1, 2019 Meeting
4. Community Comments
5. New Business/Action Items:
  - a. Welcome and introduction: George Carrasco, Project Administrator (V, Vigil, [vjvigil@santafenm.gov](mailto:vjvigil@santafenm.gov), 505-955-6860)
6. Old Business:
  - a. Subcommittee Updates:
    - i. Welcoming Communities
      1. Public Charge Update
    - ii. Education
      1. Update on December 5th Immigrant Community Forum with Superintendent Veronica Garcia.
    - iii. Social Media & Communications
    - iv. Police Department
7. Comments from the Chair and Committee Members
8. Report from Staff
9. Adjournment

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IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday November 5, 2019

4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

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

Roll Call:

PRESENT

Amparo Guerrero, Acting Chair

Maria Cristina Lopez

Ivan Cornejo

Jewel Cabeza de Vaca

Marcella Diaz

NOT PRESENT:

Javier Rios

OTHERS PRESENT

Brian Rodriguez, SFPD Liaison

George Carrasco, Project Administrator and Staff Liaison

Victor Vigil, Staff Liaison

Kyra Ochoa, Human Services Director

Julie Sanchez, Acting Director of Community Services

John Munoz, Parks Department

Fran Lucero, Stenographer

Audience Identified Below

2. Approval of the Agenda

Maria Cristina suggested hearing from the Parks Director and the constituents upon his arrival.

Addition: Matters from Staff as first order of business.

**Christina Lopez moved to approve the agenda as amended, second by Mr. Cornejo, Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

3. Staff Report Ms. Kyra Ochoa, Director of Community Services  
Introduction of Mr. Carrasco. Thank you to Victor Vigil for his dedicated service to the Immigration Committee.

Ms. Guerrero welcomed Mr. Carrasco and expressed her thanks to Victor Vigil for his dedication and work.

Mr. Carrasco provided a short introduction to the members on his background.

Chair asked if the meeting could be conducted in Spanish. Ms. Lucero asked and informed the committee that direction is to have the meeting conducted in English. Ms. Lucero will transcribe in English from the Spanish presentations of the public.

4. Approval of the Minutes – October 1, 2019

*Ms. Cristina Lopez moved to defer action of October 1, 2019 minutes to next month meeting, second by Jewel Cabeza de Vaca, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.*

5. Community Comments

Ms. Guerrero offered a welcome to the audience. She explained the procedure for today's meeting and asked that each person identify themselves and that they will be recognized by the Acting Chair for speaking.

Teresa Garcia

Luis Morataya, Organizer/Coach for Santa Fe Community Soccer League

Tere Olivarez, SOMOS un Pueblo Unido

Bero Velasquez

John Munoz, Director of Parks and Recreation, City of Santa Fe

Luis Morataya: Thank you to SOMOS Un Pueblo Unido. We have a group, Santa Fe Community Soccer League, a non-profit, where there is no charge for participation. We are here today and want to express that we need the community to know who we are and that we need support. Thank you to Mr. Munoz who has helped us a lot with space, yet there is not enough time or space for our league. (Pictures were presented of the children on the soccer team.) Thank you so much for allowing us to present today.

Ms. Cabeza de Vaca asked what is the age limit?

Mr. Morataya: There are children from the ages of 6 to adult.

Ms. Cristina Lopez asked how Mr. Munoz can help.

Mr. Munoz said he is new to the City of Santa Fe and that he has already evaluated that there is not enough space. They are looking to see how they can get more soccer fields and are also trying to work with the schools. He did say that working with the schools is a difficult task right now. Mucho Exito is very important, but we need more space for these soccer teams here in Santa Fe. The soonest we could get any more space would be by working with the schools and said if there are other suggestions, he is happy to hear them.

Mr. Morataya: We are always trying to locate space and they continue to do community outreach on their own.

Teresa Garcia: I have seen that there are more leagues and they pay NS we can't pay so she is wondering if that is why they don't get the space.

Mr. Munoz said that there is information and data that can be shared with them regarding the program. There are other leagues that can explain the reason for their payment, some charge fees from the kids, others don't have a fee.

Ms. Guerrero asked, are there any plans for expansion?

Mr. Munoz: We have enough parks in the northeast quadrant of the city but there is a lack of parks in the southwest part of the city. What is really missing are soccer fields in the city. The city is creating more soccer fields, but this will still leave a shortage of soccer fields in the southwest. Mr. Munoz said that it is also important to take care of the spaces that are designated, there are not enough interior fields and again we need to work with the schools to see if we can create a partnership with them. By November it will be very cold to play in the outside.

Mr. Munoz said that there is negotiation, there are insurances that need to be maintained, and things that have been discussed is cleaning and insurance from the city. He is in discussion with the City to see if these are options where they could help. Mr. Munoz is in discussion with the Board from SFPS.

We also want to enter into a MOU with SFPS where we can possibly offer services from the city.

Audience: In the program that they have they visit those that are incarcerated, and they provide support and we try to provide sports activities. We provide services to the whole family. Mr. Munoz has helped us and there are many of us in this community. We are not here to complain, we need help to offer and open up more space. When a family comes it is the complete family and there isn't enough space. There are times when the games are not consistent. We also have a small school for football from 6-10 pm at Ft. Marcy, and we are grateful for that opportunity. We don't have the money to pay but we are there to provide the love and care for these sports activities for these kids.

The Acting Chair provided her thanks to the individuals and said she has a passion for football (soccer), and she is appreciative to have people in the community who are so giving and generous to work with these families and kids without charge. She looks forward to having the City support this group so the kids can continue to participate in their sports.

Mr. Carrasco: The City of Santa Fe and the Department of Human Services also have financial assistance through grant applications. He said that he would meet with Luis Morataya to see if there is a way to get help for their association. There is also work in

the planning stages on a piece of land on Airport Rd., the use is not known at this time, but we can keep in contact regarding this space.

The Chair said we should pursue to talk with the correct person to express our need for space. We need space for these kids and families to continue to play soccer and football.

It is suggested that the Mayor and City Council be contacted with this request.

Mr. Morataya said they are not here today to ask for money. We are looking for space, we are a community who needs for this to be a reality. If we could get the space, our community can work the land.

Ivan Cornejo: The money and the space go hand in hand. I am proud to see the dedication and commitment from the family. Mr. Cornejo would like to know in more detail, who have they contacted and what have been the outcomes. He will also support continuation of looking for a space and he encourages that they apply for grants. What other options have they checked in to besides the schools?

Mr. Morataya: We know that SOMOS un Pueblo Unido can help us with jobs and services and we contact them, and they help, we are now hoping that the doors will open through the schools.

Ms. Cabeza de Vaca: She believes she is hearing from Mr. Munoz that they are working with the schools, but she is hearing from the spokespeople that they need a space for their children, they will work the land and continue the training. What is the problem? She understands that they have started the process and she knows that it takes time. So much time can pass before a timely decision can be made. It is identified that the problems are on the southside. She also feels that the City Councilors of the southside district should be apprised of this problem and project. She shared her gratefulness and respect to Mr. Morataya and others who came today. She asked that they not lose the passion and to continue to fight for this space.

Mr. Carrasco said he also agrees with everything that has been discussed and he would like to continue the conversation, but it is important for everyone to know that it takes time going through a process.

The Chair asked that they have continued reporting on this topic of discussion. The Education Committee is working with the SFPS and they have a good relationship, she offered the committee help if staff needs any assistance.

Thank you to everyone who is here tonight, staff and the community members.

**6. New Business/Action**

- a. Welcome and Introduction: George Carrasco, Project Administrator

## 7. Old Business

### a. Subcommittee Updates:

#### i. Welcoming Communities

Reported on the celebration on September 17, 2019. They are looking for more investments, which is funded by private organizations. We are part of the city of citizenship. Q: You mentioned that there is an RFP and you also mentioned \$5000. Can we have more information?

Julie Sanchez: The Human Services Committee released an Innovation and Grant fund that max out at \$5000 it is more flexible funding, and agencies can apply 2 times a year. Recommendation to all is to apply as soon as possible. Once the funding is expended it closes until the next fiscal year. More specific information can be obtained from the Community Services Department.

Citizenship: Our 6<sup>th</sup> citizenship cohort is November 14<sup>th</sup>, open to the public, the Union is co-sponsoring. It will take place from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm, at the Center for Peace and progress, to include an informational forum. Information will be sent to Mr. Carrasco and to the committee members.

Maria Cristina Lopez: We encourage people who want to become citizens to attend and we need the city to be more involved.

Marcella Diaz: Mr. Carrasco will be the new representative for the City of Citizenship. Ms. Diaz attends the conference and stated that we are 1 of 90 cities and it is an exciting project. Our cohorts were door knocking, doing phone banks – non-partisan.

Citizenship – SOMOS has a partnership with the City of Santa Fe

#### 1. Public Charge Update

New Public Charge Rule: The handout distributed to the members is not currently the public charge rule. (Exhibit A). Marcella Diaz explained: It is really important for those who work with immigrant to know that these rules are not in place. On August 14, 2019 the Department of Homeland Security published a new rule related to public charge in the Federal Register, which was scheduled to take effect on October 15, 2019. However as of October 11, 2019 this rule has been enjoined by multiple courts. The injunctions stop the rule from taking effect. Because it was enjoined, they could continue to appeal to the supreme court. This exhibit has not gone into effect it is for information for this committee. Ms. Diaz will send the exact language to Julie to post on the website.

Flyer on Citizenship Forum should be posted on the website.

2. Education

Update on December 4th Immigrant Community Forum with Superintendent Veronica Garcia (date reconfirmed to December 4, 2019)

Maria Cristina Lopez said that a dialogue will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup> and the Immigration Committee has been invited by the Superintendent to attend at Capital High – 5:30 pm.

Topics of Discussion: Participation, Security, Mental Health of the Students and how this environment is affecting them. We will have a meeting this week with Mr. Salbidrez and Dr. Lujan on this subject. Invitations will follow.

3. Social Media & Communications (Jewel Cabeza de Vaca)

Ms. Cabeza de Vaca would like an update on what is on the web site. She would like to know where we stand on Social Media it has been in process for a long time.

Julie Sanchez: Mr. Carrasco has full access to the web page. Pictures are great, and when there are children, we need signed release forms in order to use their photos. We are working on FB, Instagram, Snap Chat but cannot post until we have a Policy. We will continue to work on this with our PIO.

Ms. Cabeza de Vaca would like a timeline, date. This has been an on-going request. Ms. Julie Sanchez said she is working with the new PIO and she will provide a timeline by next meeting. They will meet with the PIO in the interim between this meeting.

4. Police Department

No report.

Ms. Diaz asked if it would be possible to have a report on UVisa certifications at each meeting. She explained the SOLACE process and follow up points and that the city sub-contracts with SOLACE. The Resolution required a new UVisa Policy that frequent reports, how many requested, how many were certified. USCIS reviews the UVisa.

Sheriff Department also inquired in depth about the UVisa process.

Maria Cristina Lopez: When we post on social media can it be put up bi-lingually? Noted: When Marcella Diaz sends the paragraph to post it should be posted in Spanish.

8. Comments from the Chair and Committee Members  
December 3, 2019 – next meeting.



Maria Cristina Lopez: Val Whitely submitted a letter of interest to serve on the Immigration committee through Victor and she understood it went to the Mayor expressing her wanting to be a member. We need to look at our membership. This person was approved, he/she should receive a letter from the Mayor and attend next meeting.

Introduction of Committee Members:  
SOMOS – Census 2020 Hard to Count

- Brian Rodriguez, Lt. SFPD swing shift 2pm until midnight, 22 patrolmen under his supervision
- Ivan Cornejo – Communities in School.
- Maria Cristina Lopez – founding member of SOMOS un Pueblo Unido and interpreter in the courts
- Amparo Guerrero works with SOLACE
- Ms. Diaz: SOMOS un Pueblo Unido and is part of Santa Fe for Citizenship which is part of the welcoming network and there is a national conference to attend to work with other community organization, integration, citizenship, work force development and we pay dues.
- Jewel Cabeza de Vaca: She would like Mr. Carrasco to share the following with the committee name, title, email and phone.

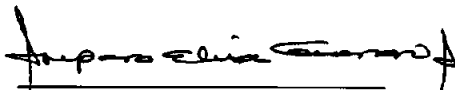
9. Report from Staff


Presented at beginning of meeting.  
Introduction of New Liaison, George Carrasco

10. Adjournment

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

**SIGNATURE PAGE:**

  
Amparo Guerrero, Acting Chair

  
Fran Lucero, Stenographer