



Agenda

**Immigration Committee
Meeting Agenda
Tuesday March 3, 2020
Santa Fe Public Library - Southside Branch
6599 Jaguar Dr, Santa Fe, NM 87507
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. January 7, 2020
5. Community Comments:
 - a. Kyra Ochoa on Census 2020 (Community Services Director, krochoa@santafenm.gov)
 - b. Maria Sanchez-Tucker on Big Read (Library Division Director, metucker@santafenm.gov)
6. Work Session
7. New Business/Action Items:
 - a. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair
 - b. Appointment of Subcommittees
8. Old Business:
 - a. Subcommittee Updates:
 - i. Welcoming Communities
 - ii. Education
 - iii. Social Media & Communications
 - iv. Police Department
9. Comments from the Chair and Committee Members
10. Report from Staff
11. Adjournment

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**IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday March 3, 2020

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

1. Call to Order: The Immigration Committee meeting was called or order by Amparo Guerrero, Vice Chair. Meeting called to order at 4:30 pm, Santa Fe Public Library – Southside Branch, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Roll Call reflects a quorum.

Roll Call:

PRESENT

Amparo Guerrero, Vice Chair
Maria Cristina Lopez
Ivan Cornejo
Jewel Cabeza de Vaca
Val Whitley

NOT PRESENT:

Javier Rios
Marcela Diaz

OTHERS PRESENT

George Carrasco, Staff Liaison
Kyra Ochoa
Maria Sanchez Tucker
Anna Serrano for Fran Lucero, Stenographer

2. Approval of the Agenda

Add: Community Comments

Item #8, Education Committee report, move to Item #4 for Mr. Lujan to present before he leaves.

Ms. Lopez moved to approve the agenda as amended, second by Jewel Cabeza de Vaca, motion carried by unanimous vote.

3. Approval of the Minutes – January 7, 2020

Minutes will need to be approved at the next meeting. The Chair made the motion, there was not a second.

4. Community Comments

a. Comments from Dr. James Lujan, SFPS

Dr. Lujan said they are always looking for community participation, he provided information on their bi-lingual seal program. There are 123 seniors this year that will be presenting a portfolio for a bi-lingual seal. That bi-lingual seal is recognized by the Public Education Department and SFPS district. We are very happy to say it is very diverse, there are a lot of people who think they are just Spanish. We have two students who will be defending for their bilingual seal in Mandarin Chinese and another student who will be defending her bi-lingual seal in French. If you know of any Mandarin native speakers or people who speak French, we would be happy to have them as judges. Dr. Lujan told the committee members if they were interested in being a judge, they could read the letter distributed to them and contact those listed on the letter. Dr. Lujan extended an invitation to the committee members, Parents attend what is called the Bi-lingual multi-cultural Parents Advisory Council, they meet three times a year, October, January and the last one is on March 11th at 5:30 pm. There is more information on the flyer that was distributed. They do need parent advocacy to assist the student.

Dr. James Lujan provided an update on the Corona Virus and how the schools system is preparing.

Dr. Lujan stated that they have concluded their English and Spanish Spelling Bees and had wonderful contestants. The State Spanish Spelling Bee will be represented by a first place winner from Mandela School, 2nd place was Milagro and 3rd place was Ortiz Middle School. Contest to be held in Albuquerque, April 25, 2020 at the Hispanic Cultural Center.

As far as the school emergency preparedness, SFPS jumped the gun and informed the parents on preventive practices at home that they could start with their kids re: corona virus. As a Cabinet we have also brainstormed some ideas to have remote sites. For example, if the epidemic expands to where we can't control, we have planned out remote sites. The blessing to this district is the personal word that every one of our kids will have access to a chrome book or a laptop so their education won't stop, we will continue to make sure parents are educated. What we mean by remote sites is that we have about 7 schools, kids could go right by the school and have access to wifi and internet. Learning won't stop and they could learn from home. We also continue to make sure that we educate our parents. Dr. Veronica Garcia has the experience and she is collaborating with the State PED. She is looking at remote sites to assure we feed kids. Mr. Lujan feels the District is in a good spot and working with PED/DOH on the preparation.

Ms. Guerrero: DOH will make necessary decisions on the corona virus.

Ms. Lopez: Are we sending information home in English and Spanish?

Mr. Lujan: Yes, we are sending all the information on preventions. Each department has an action plan from paying teachers etc. should there be an emergency. How do we continue to work remotely or assure that the Wi-Fi is in place? Custodians, what type of sanitizing do they do. Dr. Lujan said he is proud to be part of this district, it is all about preparedness, prevention and intervention; those are our key words and our key steps to deal with this in case it does happen.

Val Whitley: It seems to me that what is happening now is a lack of testing. What kind of resources do we have here for testing? Have they said what the protocol is for those who may say they have the symptoms?

Mr. Lujan asked, lack of testing for the virus? He responded and mentioned the handout where it shows the lack of nurses. In Santa Fe there is not a nurse at every school, but we have access to a .2 nurse at every school. Superintendent feels like every school should have a nurse. We are pairing up with hospitals and other medical facilities. We must work as a team, and we have about 13 partnering agencies.

b. Kyra Ochoa, Director of Community Services, Census 2020

It is important that we get a complete count, we will be losing federal money on the table if we do not get the most accurate count. SOMOS un Pueblo Unido has gone out door to door. Immigrants are leery and SOMOS has been providing outreach. We have material in English and Spanish from the Federal level, the County has now been able to create material that is very NM friendly currently. March utility bills will have some handouts on the census, and we are working with committees on different phases. Hopefully in April we can see what Santa Fe County is doing regarding the census. The city of Santa Fe is the hardest to count, especially in the southside. Senior populations are hard to count. What the City is doing to support the effort is that there will be a motivation phase, an awareness phase and reminder phase. Throughout all the phases we are working with the committee to talk specifically about what we are doing. In community service, we have 5 senior centers that we are utilizing and our libraries. We want to educate the people and when it comes closer to the time, we will have access to computers and assistance on the part of staff on how to complete the census if they have any questions. The Recreation Centers, the Chavez center will all have posters and information regarding the Census.

There are 1400 employees in the City of Santa Fe, all of them will receive information on the census through payroll. Social media and Email networks will provide information as well. Census kickoff is this Friday in Pojoaque to raise public awareness. The information given to the Census cannot be shared and will not involve citizenship. All information is protected. There are no citizenship questions on the census questionnaire.

Ms. Lopez stated that there are 10 questions on the survey. SOMOS will be going door to door, to Parks and setting up a table at Wal-Mart to provide information. They also are

handing out several flyers (Spanish and English) with information and libraries are posting information. Personal contact immigrants with immigrants makes them feel safer.

Maria Sanchez-Tucker said librarians will be helping the public to understand the census process. They will have Citizenship corners. They will be training staff and assuring that they have bi-lingual people and they will help them with computers.

Ms. Cabeza de Vaca: You mention the senior population, they normally go there for their events, they don't necessarily continually do that. They may go once or twice a week. It is a captured audience but if they only go once or twice a month, how is that being looked at, how do we reach those that don't navigate the centers. How will we capture this group?

Kyra Ochoa: Senior Services serves 2500 people a year, that is not a lot as that is not every senior in Santa Fe. In addition to the centers themselves we do have Meals on Wheels drivers who will hand out flyers and we have come care health services. We have a lot of Seniors that use the libraries, grandparents raising their grandchildren, schools are sending info in their backpacks. The city is working to reach out to these Seniors.

Question: Will they be doing voter registration?

Ms. Ochoa could not answer that question, she is not aware of that.

Ms. Lopez said it could be SOMOS, but that isn't mixed with Census. It is with their Citizenship Program.

Kyra Ochoa: The county will be sending out information as well.

c. Maria Sanchez Tucker on Big Read

Ms. Sanchez said they are happy to be working with the Citizenship Corner. The Library has applied for a grant for the Big Read through the National Endowment for the Art and the decision will be rendered in April some time. We applied to read the book, *Into the Beautiful North* by Luis Urrea. We would encourage community partners to read the book, discuss the book and themes of the book. We will be bringing Luis Urrea to Santa Fe on October 22-23. Throughout September 2020 we hope to have book discussions and activities throughout the community. She extended an invitation to all and to think about how the Immigration Committee can be involved and identify other community partners and be thinking about how we can talk about Immigration within the community in a meaningful way and a way that we can bridge divides and we can cross different economic and cultural and other type boundaries and talk to each based on literature. We hope to partner with the museums and have exhibits and fun activities. Maria can provide more updates as we go along. She discussed a possible kickoff at Site Santa Fe. The program will be in place even if we don't receive the grant, it will be a big benefit if we do receive the grant funding for projects throughout the community.

Ms. Cabeza de Vaca asked if the Author can be on her radio program. Maria will talk to his agent. Radio Program: "KSFR – Healthy Women". Maria Cristina Lopez asked if the High Schools would have access to his book as well. Looking into similar books for the younger ages. Maria Sanchez Tucker is working with the schools related to the themes and the ages. WE would like to increase bi-lingual reading in our community.

- d. Yolanda Castro – Immigration Specialist for CYFD Child Protective Services for 11 years. When she left to go to Adult Protective Services for 2 years and then she returned to CYFD as an Immigration Specialist, August of last year. During the time she was out CYFD was not able to hire a replacement. I was undocumented and I have been through a lot of hardships and she does have her citizenship now. Her passion is to work with people who are undocumented, people who think they don't have a voice or rights. She would like to provide education for these groups of people on child protective services. She works with the Mexican Consulate on assessments through an MOU which is in place. For pother Consulates, we do not have MOU's, but they want to assist with our cases, they help us with home assessments and birth certificates. The same for children who are undocumented, if there is not a possibility for children to return to a parent, not necessarily both but one, they can go back to their country of origin we can apply for juvenile immigration status and we get them their residency. If we have parents who are detained in immigration hold the workers need to get a hold of them, but we follow the cases. Yolanda is interested in being a part of this committee and was invited by Maria Cristina Lopez to attend meeting. She works with the Guatemala Consulate and most recently was at the Japanese Consulate office.

Ms. Cabeza de Vaca extended her gratitude and compliments to Ms. Castro for the years of service in CYFD and to come back and dedicate her attention to this area of work. Thank you. You mentioned countries; can you mention some of those countries.

Ms. Castro: She worked with the Guatemala Consulate, they come twice a year and she is invited to work with them when they present documents. She informs them of NM law and talks about how they work a case from beginning to end. We are now working the Consulate from Honduras based in Texas because we are getting a few kids who requested asylum, we got the cases because of human trafficking, sexual abuse. She sated they recently started working with the Consulate from Japan. The Consulate from Romania wishes to work with us.

Maria Cristina Lopez asked if Yolanda deals with ICE. ICE reaches out to Ms. Castro if they get children at the border, that is the only contact we have with ICE. We are not allowed through policy and procedure to contact ICE or Immigration to let them know a family is undocumented.

George will explain the process to Yolanda Castro re: membership application.

5. Work Session – Vice Chair announced no work session.

6. New Business/Action

a. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

Discuss the committee's mission before the election. Need to have all the members present and next meeting we will have two new members. George Carrasco agrees that all members should be present.

Mr. Carrasco asked if they want to have a separate meeting for sub-committees.

The Vice Chair said yes, they proposed a Retreat possibly a Saturday. George Carrasco will talk with the City Clerk. Ms. Maria Cristina said she wants to make sure we know if the meeting must be publicized. The Vice Chair said it is important to get an agenda ready for this retreat.

Vice Chair Guerrero will be gone for a month. Next meeting April 7th, Amparo will not be here. Need to be done soon. Ms. Lopez suggested the end of April. Amparo will be back April 13th. Ivan suggested a Saturday morning which would work for a "Special Retreat". Saturday April 18th for retreat per Amparo's schedule, 9- 12 pm. Hopefully the three new members will be official. Election will be in May. The retreat meeting would be to discuss sub-committees.

Ms. Cabeza de Vaca expressed his concern, committee continues to discuss a process for the retreat, and nothing is ever made concrete. She wants to be assured that a date and time and agenda is formalized and get this on the calendar. We need to make a sacrifice and make this happen.

Mr. Cornejo also reiterated that a weekend meeting is important to get our new members on board.

The Vice Chair recommended April 18th (9am – 12 pm), for the retreat.

Maria Cristina Lopez made a motion to move the election of committee members until after the April 18, 2020 Retreat, second by Val Whitley, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

b. Appointment of Sub Committees

Maria Cristina Lopez made a motion to move Item B to the May 5th meeting second by Ivan Cornejo, motion carried by voice vote.

7. Old Business

a. Subcommittee Updates:

- i. Welcoming Communities – Marcella Diaz not present.
- ii. Education – Ivan Cornejo – Dr. Lujan reported earlier.
- iii. Social Media & Communications. – No report.
- iv. Santa Fe Police Department – Had to leave, no report.

8. Comments from the Chair and Committee Members

- Maria has plenty of handouts on the census in Spanish and English. If you want someone from SOMOS to come and make a presentation on the Census they do a great job.
- March 8th – Women's International Day

9. Report from Staff

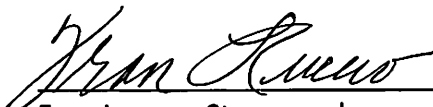
No report

10. Adjournment

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

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Amparo Guerrero, Vice Chair



Fran Lucero, Stenographer