



Agenda

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Immigration Committee
February 7, 2012 – 4:00 p.m.
Westminster Presbyterian Church
841 West Manhattan

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- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. January 3, 2011
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- V. Community Comments
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 - a. Southside update / house meetings / schools and immigrants
 - b. Drivers' licenses for all / Legislative update
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 - a. Review of protocol for SFPD and ICE
 - b. Rev. Chester Topple and Community of Faith
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Immigration Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2012

I. Call to order

Maria Cristina Lopez, Chair called to order the regular meeting of the Immigration Committee to order at **4:00 pm** on February 7, 2012 at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

II. Roll call

Fran Lucero, Secretary conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

In attendance:

Maria Cristina Lopez, Chair
Betty Shinas
Elizabeth Hemmer
Rev Chester Topple
Jewel Cabeza de Vaca
Miguel Angel Acosta
Marcela Diaz

Absent:

Amparo Guerrero
Alejandra Seluja

Others Present:

Fran Lucero, Stenographer
Carla Lopez, Staff Liaison
Raymond Rael, Santa Fe Chief of Police
Captain Aric Wheeler

Guests Names included in content of minutes.

III. Approval of Agenda

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Report from Miguel Angel Acosta on the Southside Update

VII-a Police Protocol

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Approval of minutes from January 3, 2012

Ms. Hemmer moved to approve the minutes of January 3, 2012 as presented, second by Ms. Shinas, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IV. Announcements

Introduction of Michael Buchetti, Director of Legal Assistance and Citizenship for Catholic Charities.

Deferred to next meeting.

Committee Members introduced themselves to the audience.

V. Community Comments

VI. Old Business

a. Southside Update/house meetings/schools and immigrants – Miguel Angel Acosta

Reported that over 30 house meetings have been held including over 100 people informing them of the city infrastructure and how they can get involved in improving their community. Three questions asked: What do you love about your community, if you could make changes what would that change be, how do you realize your vision. The response has been positive; examples, general space for events and activities, maintaining parks and getting more parks, they like that they can walk to some of the stores, safety is very important and they say, “despite the break ins they like the neighborhood,” they talk about children’s experiences in the schools, they want more child care and meaningful health care. What is keeping the realization of these visions? They say they need neighborhood associations, many do not know who the city officials are, and they did not point fingers or blame government. They targeted communities who normally don’t get involved. Next meetings will be with home associations and try to evaluate the needs and services and bring back to the city governance.

Met with the Southside steering committee and the community owner representation is growing. They have agreed on a vision and they will continue to meet and grow the steering committee.

Continuing to strengthen the participation of the parents in their children’s school lives. Issues are being identified, such as parents being criticized because they don’t speak English, concerns will be addressed in the meetings as they continue.

Q: Have you found leaders that are taking ownership and will continue to carry the vision implementation?

Mr. Acosta said that they definitely have identified individuals and they will continue to build on these relationships and to continue to be supportive. It is key to get these individuals to show up to meetings and to collaborate for success.

b. Drivers' Licenses for all / Legislative Update

Friday, February 10th – 10 am – 11 am – Capitol Rotunda, Santa Fe

Reception and Panel Discussion on Friday, February 10th 5-7 pm – Hotel Santa Fe

Convocation with Senator Steve Gallardo, Arizona State Senator leading repeal effort of SB1070 and Scott Douglas, Executive Director of Greater Birmingham Ministries, Board Member of Alabama Coalition for Immigrant Justice and recently featured on “The Colbert Report”. Also, Rachel Teran, Deputy Director of Promise Arizona, grassroots group that registered 15,000 voters in the lead-up to the recall election of anti-immigrant State Senator Russell Pearce. Dr. Christine Sierra, Professor of Political Science at University of New Mexico with expertise in race, ethnicity and Latino/a politics.

The Governor came out and said, “Don’t bother to compromise; I will not sign anything that allows illegal immigrants to drive illegally in this state. I want the voters to decide.”

Tomorrow the house will convene to discuss the repeal bill. Legislature ends next Thursday, a lot of things could happen. We need to sign on to the inter-faith letter.

Holly: There is a great article – Margaret Stock, Homeland Securities. Talks about the DHS data base. To take them out of the MVD data base is not good.

Please contact your legislator today and tomorrow. Take the politics out of it, support public safety and do not take the drivers’ licenses away.

c. City Council Candidates Forums Questions

We said at the last meeting that committee members would attend forums and that we would ask the question: more than 66% of new business in the city are immigrant owned. How as city councilors are you going to make sure that immigrants are part of this community as a whole? There were positive affirmations and the Chair asked that we continue to ask positive questions.

VII. New Business

a. Review of protocol for SFPD and ICE

The Chief of Police informed the committee that we have been referencing this topic as a policy and they are not policies.

Chief Rael said that we have reached the stage that it is time to incorporate the protocol in the policy manual. He has brought back this document to the committee to assure that it is accurate and document. Once it is incorporated it will demonstrate to the Officers that these are the formal expectations of each police officer.

Protocol documents that immigration status will not be checked on arbitrarily by the police officer. It also allows the police officer to place on hold for a criminal activity (it has to be a felony and it has to be a serious felony). The officer cannot make the decision on his/her own; there is a chain of command that has to be followed. The protocol is in line with all legal requirements and the Chief is asking for approval or concurrence from the Immigration Committee.

Q: How much research has been done to other police departments and municipalities? The Chief said yes, they have done comparisons with other city and state law enforcement agencies and the Santa Fe Police Department is very competitive and comparative to what other departments are using. Captain Wheeler added that this document has been reviewed by not only the Police Department and the Immigration Committee; it is being used by Public Safety Law Enforcement in training. It is progressive and positive.

The Chief and Captain said that they are working and committed to earning the trust of the immigrant population and to assure that the Santa Fe Police Department is a working department in public safety.

The Chair added that much of the protocol documentation was set forth to assure that the Police Department was protected by not reporting to ICE. The protocol now sets the parameters on what legally can or cannot be asked.

Q: How do the officer's get trained on this protocol?

Chief Rael said that there are multiple directives and a topic of discussion at in-service trainings along with direct discussion with the police officers.

The protocol becomes policy after all the administrative guidelines are followed in posting and presentation to the City Council for approval. Once it is approved it will be included in the Department Policy and Procedure Manual and training will continue.

Chief Rael and Captain Wheeler reiterated that in most cases, ICE does not give the city policy notification. The department does not send officers to the investigations. If there is an emergency for public safety the Police Department would respond. But in business practice, the Santa Fe Police Department does not participate in these investigations. Clarification is that the Santa Fe Police Department does provide a cohesive working relationship with the Federal, State, County, City, Tribal law enforcement for public safety.

Mr. Acosta said that through his involvement with the community in meetings the perception is still out there that the SFPD does work with ICE. Thank you for the hard work on the protocol and the acknowledgement to create a policy that the SFPD will abide by.

Chief Rael said that he was not aware of this type of relationship and if at any time an officer can be identified of this action the information needs to get back to the Chief. The Chief is willing to build the trust and it is a two-way street therefore, we need to work together.

Ms. Diaz said that a lot of work has been done on ICE holds and referred to an I-247 detention form (Local Hold for Detention Centers). Ms. Diaz said that the Santa Fe Police Department should never receive an I-247 detention form; they should go straight to the jail. Ms. Diaz said that the protocol should be corrected to reflect this operational process. *Add the language: "No persons will be held on immigration charges unless an outstanding warrant alleging criminal violations issued by a federal entity exists."*

Mr. Acosta moved to approve the Police Protocol with the following amendment: *Add the language: "No persons will be held on immigration charges unless an outstanding warrant alleging criminal violations issued by a federal entity exists."* second by Rev. Topple, motion carries by unanimous voice vote.

b. Rev. Chester Topple and Community of Faith

Rev. Topple welcomed the audience and stated that this meeting was held to provide information on the work of the Immigration Committee. We are an advisory committee to the Mayor and to the City Council. Our intention today is to hear about the faith community who are involved with immigrants.

Audience and Immigration Committee Member – Introductions

Approximately 30 people in attendance from the Audience.

Rev. Holly Beaumont, Inter-faith Worker Justice and a member of the SOMOS Policy Committee – Immigration – saving the 2003 law for all people to obtain licenses regardless of their status. They are working on a letter from faith leaders, they now have 317 signatures. NAACP and SOMOS is sponsoring at the roundhouse on Friday. [Letter and flyer was distributed and asked to be distributed amongst the community]. There will be Spanish/English translation available at this event.

Erik Mason – Member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church and has served on the Immigration Committee.

Young Lee – Santa Fe Korean Church & Kelly Liquor. Commented on the immigration issues and need for driver's licenses for ID.

Elizabeth Rogheis – Westminster & First Presbyterian Church. We were pleased when we moved here 2 years ago that the drivers' license law was in place, and I don't think we should just sit by.

Harry Eberts – Pastor at the Westminster Presbyterian Church – glad to be here, moved from Cleveland.

Karen James – Christian Science Church, Cordova St., Santa Fe. Happy to be here.

Pastor Ben Larzelerg at Christ Lutheran Church.

Rabbi Marvin Schwab – Temple Beth Shalom – we don't get a lot of immigrants at the Synagogue but we do believe in social justice.

Sue Breslauer – Temple Beth Shalom - we provide homeless transition with families and their children. All but one family are immigrant families. Thank you for your work.

Dean Lewis, staff to the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Catherine Brooks – St. Bede's Church

Roz Isenberg – not a part of the faith community. Taught the deaf for many years.

Brandon Johnson – United Church of Santa Fe, Associate Minister and President of the Inter-faith Leadership – taking the youth concerns as a priority.

Betsy Bueschel – Retired Pastor – Co-chairs the Outreach Committee – Faith in Action and Advocacy work – involved in immigrant rights. They have worked in Arizona to educate themselves and help here in our own community. Eager to work with all congregations.

Lynn Lee – St. Bede's – Member of Justice and Peace Committee. Started to evaluate the troubling issues and it is important for the faith community to speak out on these issues and it is the hope to work with other congregations and speak out. Concentrating on bullying in the schools.

Dr. Suzanne Gebhart – Member of St. Bede's and a member of a group called Compañeros. She is also serves on the Children and Youth Commission and they address the needs of the children on the Southside.

Rev. Juan Oliver – St. Bede's Episcopal Church, Hispanic Ministry, Compañeros – small congregation for the immigrants. Happy that we are holding meetings in the church, and hope that this continues. Concerns on immigration and Native Hispanics and how they don't get along.

Connie Romero – Retired Social Worker, Santa Fe. Worked out of INS and trained lawyers on immigration law and has worked with immigrants.

Susan Odises – Member of St. Bede’s and on the Justice and Peace Committee. Involved in the 2010 census. She is working on bullying in the school. One of the overriding issues is going to be poverty. The ratio in our city is about 70% which will play a big part in any resolution.

Cruz Marquez and Guadalupe Marquez – Iglesia Bethesda, Airport Road, SFNM

(translated from Spanish to English)

I am happy to be here today, we are from Mexico and we are affected by what is happening with the Driver’s Licenses. It is something that we all need, to take our children to school, to go to the bank, to be legal with the law. This is another positive form of being able to work with the law and we want to support abiding by the laws. We want to do good and be looked at as trying to do good, but if we don’t have licenses we are going to be looked at not doing good.

I am happy to meet everyone here tonight. All of this is affecting our church members; it worries them when it relates to their children. They have that fear that they will be separated from their children. If we separate the families there is going to be more delinquency and problems in the family. It is important that we have people who have faith in God and we hope that people will use this country with faith in God. We want to talk to people to help all of our families. We need people with a good heart to get rid of the discrimination. We are all human beings and should be treated equal. Thank you for allowing us to speak.

Barbara Medina – Compañeros and Amigos del Parque – Thank you. We went to Phoenix during the time that the law was being passed so we came home and asked, what can we do here?” During that time we asked, what we can do here. Reach out a helping hand to the immigrants in our city if they needed to go to a doctor or go to the school; we did not offer legal advice, we just offered to be their friend. Barbara discussed a referral form that they created and they have had at least 11 referrals. There are now about 11 volunteers including members from St. Bede’s, if anyone would like to participate send an e-mail to:

Compañeros@sf.com

Amigos del Parque: Coffee is taken every morning to the Immigrants looking for jobs over at the Guadalupe Church park; 3 people from St. Bede’s are on that committee.

Mr. Erik Mason asked that the congregation support SOMOS un Pueblo Unido. Marcela Diaz is a phenomenal speaker and can be invited to your church to speak to the congregation. (flyers were distributed on services through the church) – Talked about the Human Rights services and support for families. Stop Violence Against Women is a very important topic; Cypriana represented Westminster Presbyterian Church at a recent forum and was such a success. She had an interpreter for this endeavor.

Presbyterian Church has issued a grant to SOMOS for workers needs.

VIII. Communications from Staff

IX. Communications from Committee

The Chair expressed her thanks to Chief Rael and Captain Wheeler for being supportive of the drivers' license law and always being ready to support the Committee in this endeavor.

Community Dialogue: Senate Bill 1070 (detailed information under Marcela Diaz legislative report.)

X. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Immigration Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:47pm.

Minutes submitted by: Fran Lucero, Stenographer

Minutes approved by: Maria Cristina Lopez, Chair