

Addendum to May 1, 2012 Minutes


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Approved this 5th day of March, 2013


Alejandra Seluja, Chair

Mar/5/2013
Date

**Immigration Committee
MINUTES**

March 5, 2013 – 4:15 p.m. – 6:00 pm
City Councilor's Conference Room

1. Roll Call

Present:

Alejandra Seluja, Chair
María Cristina López
Rev. Chester Topple
Cara Esquibel
Jewel Cabeza de Vaca
Elizabeth Hemmer
Amparo Guerrero

Not Present

Marcela Diaz, Excused

Others Present

Terrie Rodriguez, Staff Liaison
Julia Valdez, Santa Fe County
Aric Wheeler, Captain, Santa Fe Police Department
Robert W. Shilling, Chief, New Mexico State Police
Fran Lucero, Stenographer

2. Approval of Agenda

Amendments: Old Business: State Police Report is (a.), (b) Mayor's Youth Advisory Board Update, under 7. New Business: Mr. Ortiz and Ms. Jackie Kraft were unable to attend today's meeting due to sequestration matter, the Chair will report.

Rev. Topple moved to approve the agenda as amended, second by Ms. Maria Cristina Lopez, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. Approval of Minutes

Page 6: ~~Julie~~ Valdez should be Julia Valdez

Ms. Maria Cristina Lopez moved to approve the minutes of February 5, 2013 as amended, second by Ms. Amparo Guerrero, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Staff provided an amendment to the May 1, 2012 minutes related to #5 – Community Comments, line number 15 (Exhibit A). Ms. Rodriguez stated that this had come to her attention as a request from Elva Gurule who reported to the committee on May 1, 2012. She wanted to clarify for the record that her position is not a Pharmacist, that she worked

with a Pharmacist and that on page 3 – line 15 under Community Comments, her request was that apparently the pharmacy that she wanted to do did not happen so it is a business issue for her that she wants to have these minutes clarified so she came to the city to clarify these minutes. You will see that I have written what she has requested to have corrected, that she is not a Pharmacist.

Ms. Hemmer moved to approve the May 1, 2012 (Re-adoption with Amendments), second by Rev. Topple, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The Stenographer noted for the record that the amendment was created by staff administratively and not by the contracted stenographer.

4. Announcements

All were invited to go to the legislative hearing today for SB521 in Public Affairs. It is on the agenda and we will get word as to when it will be heard.

5. Community Comments

Ms. Maria Cristina Lopez reported on a case that was brought to her attention via a letter that involved a citizen and the Santa Fe City Police Department. The letter was provided to Captain Wheeler after it was read aloud to the committee. This individual has left town but has asked that I present this complaint.

6. Old Business

a. State Police: Chief Robert W. Shilling

The Chair noted that the committee was aware that there was an Executive Order signed by Governor Martinez regarding that the state police would ask about immigration status when you pull over people.

The Chief opened by saying that he would be happy to answer general questions and provided information on himself and expressed the honor it was to attend this meeting. The State Police is a rural agency; our primary responsibility is outside of the city limits. You folks have a unique perspective as you have a metropolitan area and you are dealing with issues that the state police don't continually encounter such as homelessness and human trafficking that you might encounter in a more complying area. I am a Governor appointee; I know about the driver's license issues and the Executive Order and am happy to talk about that. It may put us at odds to a certain degree but I will certainly answer any question. I am a Native New Mexican, was raised on the border of Deming and feel that I have a great understanding of the immigration population, went to school with them, worked with them and have all the reverence in the world for our immigrant population in New Mexico.

The Executive Order, one of the first things that Governor Martinez did was to supersede Governor Richardson's, "you will not ask immigration status." Hers' is very particular in that it is consistent with respect to criminal defendants, if I have you under arrest for a criminal offense that mandates I ask you your immigration

Exhibit A

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Approved this 5th day of March, 2013

Alejandra Seluja, Chair

Date

(Semmer / Topple)



Agenda

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DATE 4-25-12 TIME 2:18pm

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Immigration Committee

May 1, 2012 – 4:00 p.m.
Somos Un Pueblo Unido
1804 Espinacitas Street

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. April 3, 2011
- IV. Announcements
- V. Community Comments
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Southside update / business meetings / schools and immigrants
 - b. SFCDCD policies regarding ICE update
- VII. New Business
 - a. Santa Fe County representation on this committee
 - b. Immigration families and CYFD
 - c. Education of young people on immigration issues
- VIII. Communications from Staff
- IX. Communications from Committee
- X. Adjourn

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New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Santa Fe County Representative on the Committee b. Immigration Families and CYFD c. Education of 	<i>Ms. Diaz moved to withdraw her motion, second by Ms. Seluja, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.</i> <i>Ms. Diaz moved that we communicate with the Chairperson of the Santa Fe County Commission and extend an invitation to representative(s) from the County</i>	Page 8-9

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young people on immigration issues	<i>who are interested in attending the Immigration Committee meetings and take back the information from the committee to the County and share with us any information from the County perspective along with a copy of the resolution, second by Ms. Seluja, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.</i> <i>(b-c) - Informational</i>	
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SANTA FE IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 1, 2012

4:00 pm – 5:40 pm

1. **The meeting was called to order by Maria Cristina Lopez, Chair of the Immigration Committee at 4:07 pm, at the Somos Un Pueblo Unido Offices, 1804 Espinacitas Street, Santa Fe, NM. Verbal roll call constitutes a quorum.**

ROLL CALL

Present:

Maria Cristina Lopez, Chair
Betty Shinas
Alejandra Seluja
Jewel Cabeza de Vaca
Marcela Diaz

Not Present

Elizabeth Hemmer, Excused
Amparo Guerrero, Excused
Miguel Angel Acosta, Excused
Rev. Chester Topple, Excused

Others Present:

Carla Lopez, Staff Liaison
Elva Gurule, Guest
Clara Esquibel, Guest
Captain Aric Wheeler, Santa Fe City Police Department
Anna Serrano for Fran Lucero, Stenographer

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Shinas moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Ms. Cabeza de Vaca, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 3, 2012**

Corrections:

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Ms. Shinas moved to approve the minutes of April 3, 2012 as amended, second by Ms. Seluja, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clara Esquibel, Guest at today's meeting is interested in being on the committee. She will observe for the next two meetings. The Chair explained the process on contacting the Mayor by letter and providing interest in serving on the committee.

The Chair informed the committee that tonight is the opening of the Somos Centro Unido – El Dia del Trabajador will be celebrated today, May 1st. The employees of Somos Un Pueblo Unido have made all the arrangements for this great event.

Somos is at the forefront of having Worker's Committees in the workplace.

Ms. Diaz said that they have a part-time attorney opening.

Squeaky Clean Car Wash is not been paying the minimum wage. There are about 15 people affected.

Ms. Shinas commented on the difficulty of starting a Union, CWA has been very supportive of immigrant rights. Ms. Diaz said that the Stakeholder Advisory Committee, Central Labor Council is represented as well as Working America and CWA and they all helped put this event together as a joint event with a lot of the local unions.

5. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Elva Gurule, has lived in Santa Fe forever, born in Mexico, Monterrey, Nuevo Leon. She has been here since the age of 2, all of her family lives here. Recently, for everyone's information, her brothers and sisters are all permanent residents and she is the only citizen. She knows that ICE has been all over Santa Fe and we are kind of in a bind with her family, her brother has been picked up. Now, out of all the years, we took it for granted, my family, not me because I am a citizen, and I can only push and control them so much to become citizens. I have now become aware of all of the ins and outs, ups and downs and circles and the crazy chaotic immigration laws that are in place and not in place. I am here to initiate some sort of representation for immigrants in educating the public as to what we are experiencing, as far as my family is concerned and also possibly to extend a hand to educate. I am opening a pharmacy on the south side of town, Santa Fe Compounding Pharmacy and I am a hormone clinician. I have a practice here on Miguel Chavez Road and so I do consultations for hormone therapy and it is all prescription medication, natural prescription to help people with their hormones and pain management medication to help get people off pain pills that could result in an addition to methadone. I dictate to doctors what their patients should be taking and why, as a pharmacist. I am going to be opening a pharmacy within the next 2 months in the south side of town and I chose the south side of town specifically, even though people were raging on the fact that this is little Mexico, you are going to get ripped off, they are going to burglarize it, all these judgmental comments. I am so proud to do it on that part of town because it allows for some trust and loyalty to our middle class working families, not just immigrants, on that side of town to prove to the community that they are people and that they can learn. I am chemistry major, so I make

medicine from scratch. I want to be able to bring in the Capital High Students, the Santa Fe High students and the middle schools to show them what they can become, what it is that they can do, becoming Doctors, Nurses in that community.

Maria Cristina asked about the case for her brother?

Ms. Gurule said that she would take advice. Her brother was picked up by ICE, he has been a permanent resident for 23 years and has an aggravated felony and he is in the process, more so caught in the system; incomplete starting from the probation office to the DA's office to filing incomplete information at district court. He is not physically doing any prison time, just probation, fulfilling his requirements and then 6 years later than picking him up for an old case. He is in the system somehow, we are trying to figure out how to communicate with the DA and the DA to communicate to the Judge and the United States Attorney to help him out. At this point, they have contacted the attorney and said, what can they work out because they have violated his constitutional rights. They threw him in the system where probably a lot of immigrants are stuck in, they don't have the money, fortunately we all pulled together to hire an attorney. He is in Chaparral, Otero County. He is a single parent, has two children, 6 and 7 years old. Purposely I wanted to see what ICE was going to do about it because they contacted me at the last minute. They don't contact the family, who knows and who is to say what happens to children who don't have family, that they are left behind and stuck in the system and picked up by CYFD or whatever happens. I have these two nieces, I have partial custody of them – nobody ever contacted me as a family member to let me know that they picked him up and left the kids at school. That angers me; it is frustrating to know that ICE went to his place of employment to pick him up.

Chair Lopez: Carla, last month you mentioned, not by name, what happens? Carla said that the charges are awkward and difficult to explain. Carla gave contact numbers and no one responded from ICE. It was very clear at the meeting with ICE that they said they would definitely look in to the situation and they would look in to it, just to call their office. Elva said that they called the ICE Representative, and he never called back. They called Mr. Fierro and Mr. Macias.

Ms. Diaz said that the only way he is going to get released is if he has an attorney and goes before the Judge.

Elva Gurule said that she wanted to give it the benefit of the doubt since they had come to the Immigration Committee and made that plea that they would be willing to help out, i.e., education or explanation. Unsuccessfully to date, they have not returned calls.

Ms. Diaz said that they probably could at least help to get bonds, it doesn't make sense to keep him locked up for 5 years.

Elva Gurule said that they have him under mandatory detention. He is a single parent, he is the leader of the Girl Scouts supporting his two daughters, he does a lot for his community. He holds a job, he has gone to parenting classes because we don't come from the best Mexican family raised. My father was an alcoholic, there were four boys in our family and they followed

along and father was abusive. I am ok to say that, it educates people to know that you can move forward. My brother went through his ups and downs and has been able to turn his life around for his children and for himself. For this to happen to someone who is trying to stay on the right track and do things the right way. Not just that, but the children, what hurts me; he is a grown adult and people make mistakes. You have to pay for them. We are a family to help out but the children are important.

Ms. Diaz asked if there is any documentation that the father was physically abusive. Elva answered yes. Ms. Diaz said she knows of a case of a 25 year old where the father beat him and there was a loop hole. This did not pertain, it pertains to those who are illegally documented and he is a permanent resident. This is a law that needs to be overturned. This law was grandfathered in.

Ms. Diaz asked Elva; you said you would like to share this story publically as it is a great tool to educate the community about these "criminal aliens" that everyone wants to lock up at our local jails. Elva asked how she goes about that. Ms. Diaz said they can help her set this up if she is interested.

Elva Gurule: People in the community need to be educated; specifically I am concerned about my brother. I can try to do as many things as possible and try to write letters to the Representatives, and I will do that, but in the meantime, I think, involvement. I preach it to my kids all the time, in fact the same day my daughter had just gotten back from protesting in Arizona. She attends CU in Boulder, she comes home for spring break, and she learns that her uncle got picked up by ICE.

Ms. Seluja asked if the family has spoken to Rep. Ben Ray Lujan.

Elva Gurule: No, I have not.

Ms. Diaz said that there is a lot of National movement going on right now around these alien operations in secure communities, and it is all related in this effort to track down criminal aliens, either in their homes or through our jails and so I think it might bring this home a little bit.

Elva provided the Immigration Committee with her telephone number and her e-mail address *(taken down by the staff liaison)*.

The Chair and members of the Immigration Committee expressed their thanks for her coming and sharing this information with the Committee.

The Chair said that the last meeting with ICE was a difficult meeting and contradictory to what they were saying and what they actually are doing as follow up to what the committed to do. It takes courage to bring this out publicly and we appreciate your sharing the information with us.

The Chair reminded the committee that the field director had addressed the criminal alien subject and had been very specific about the matter.

Ms. Seluja recently had a case where they needed some guidance. They contacted Representative Ben Ray Lujan's office and Eliza Sultan was very helpful on how they could help and how they could not help. It was a good resource.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Southside update / business meetings / schools and immigrants

Alejandra Seluja:

South Side Merchants met, an update was not available at this meeting. They are working on establishing their 501C3.

Sunday was el Dia de los Niños and the Branch Manager from the Guadalupe Credit Union Airport office was very supportive and were the sponsors. It was very well attended. These types of gatherings are beneficial to educate them on banking opportunities for them. There were many who helped make this function possible.

B. SFCDC policies regarding ICE update

Marcella Diaz

No new policies have been introduced with the exception of one introduced by Commissioner Anaya that was voted down. In discussion with Mr. Sedillo that comment was that they will notify ICE on holdings. After 48 hours they will be released if ICE does not detain them. No policies have been introduced.

Ms. Diaz extended an invitation to a Somos Working Group to monitor these policies, process and change. Day and time will follow.

Discussion evolved around the work that has been done is going to be under mind. People will be afraid to call the local police. There are signs of that already, victims or folks are afraid despite the police policy and all the work that the Police Department has done and they are afraid that their family member will be deported. The Chair fears this as everyone has worked so hard for years. Ms. Diaz said that nothing is set in stone and there is still time and we should continue to work. We have been here a lot longer doing this work and we don't know who specifically the changes are coming from. Captain Wheeler suggested that a meeting be set with Mr. Sedillo in a more formalized setting and express the concerns and ask why is this change going to take place. Even in conjunction with utilizing the Chief and the Mayor, expressing the progress we have made, and moving forward and getting the Immigrant community to begin to trust us. The whole problem is how does it affect us as an agency, we don't control their policy, they are a county entity, we are a city entity but the end result is who is going to be affected and it is going to be the Citizens of Santa Fe and our police work is going to be affected, we are not going to get the trust from the immigrants. It would be worth our while to have a discussion to ask if they are going to implement other policies that we should be aware of. We should at least ask in preparation for education.

The Chair asked if Captain Wheeler would be a part of this meeting, he responded, yes.

Ms. Diaz said that it isn't just one person making the decisions and maybe there is just a need to have education on the law enforcement side. The jail is not there to promote public safety or to arrest people, the jails job is to hold people for justice.

Captain Wheeler said that in addition, sometimes the Media reports inaccurate information or expects a response from the Police Department. It was also mentioned that with the reorganization of Santa Fe County, Mr. Sedillo's Position as Public Safety Director and assuming the Jail Directorship, there are changes that would be best to hear from Mr. Sedillo.

Historical information was provided on the work that the Immigration Committee has done for the benefit of the visitors attending this meeting.

Ms. Diaz introduced additional information and had questions on a policy from the Santa Fe Police Department. There was a DWI check point with the State Police/Sheriff and the City. An individual came in to Somos and wanted to file a racial profiling complaint, he was Mexican, didn't speak a lot of English. The gentleman said that the State Police were stopping cars in one direction and that he had been stopped and that the question had been directly asked to him, have you been drinking, and he said no, asked the question where are you from, are you from Mexico? The man responded, yes, I am from Mexico, why? State Police said, I want to see are you legally in the country. This was not the City Police but it was the State Police. Ms. Diaz said that it is a violation because basically to change the scope. The Racial Profiling Law from 2009 says that the police cannot change the scope in the interrogation based on the person's national origin or the language they speak, which is exactly what happened in this case. The gentleman spoke Spanish, he said he thought the officer was Chicano, he spoke Spanish well enough to talk to this man. He held him there for about 7 or 8 minutes, he showed him his license and didn't answer any other questions, and he did let him go, he didn't arrest him. He hadn't been drinking so he let him go. Somos is going to assist to file this racial profiling complaint/bias based policing complaint. I was concerned again, because it was a joint operation between the State Police and the City Police that people would confuse those two departments. I know that when the City Police does work with ICE on very important joint investigations, that I believe that the City Police basically says the only way we will do this stop with you is if you abide by some of the rules, I'm not sure if that is clear, but it is a request that the Santa Fe Police has made. In other words, we are not going to be asking about immigration status and we hope that is not an issue for you as well, is there something like this in place with the State Police? Captain Wheeler said that he did not believe so. To be quite frank, in an operation like that you would naturally assume; every law enforcement agency has been educated on bias based profiling and they know that they should not be asking those types of questions. This is a topic that we should talk about when we have those joint types of operations with the State Police. Most officers that are from this area, something about State Police; when we have a road blocks it is usually a grant funded operation. We can bring in officers from anywhere, and a lot of times if you have officers that are here stationed in Santa Fe they understand the dynamics of the community better. The Captain said that he could look in to that piece of it, know that

there is not anything that we educate one another when we do an operation like that. There is usually a briefing that takes place; here are the questions, it should be three basic questions, how are you doing, have you been drinking tonight and if you haven't been drinking tonight and they don't have any blood shot or watery eyes, no odor of alcohol, no open containers, you have to let them go. You can't, you have to be consistent. If he was kept there for a longer period of time and he had no indicators, at least that is what you told me, there was no reason for further investigation. Once he fulfilled the required questions he should have been released.

Ms. Diaz wanted to share this information with the Captain and the committee. The Chair asked if there is a PR person from the State Police that could be invited to a meeting. Captain Wheeler will reach out and see if we can open a dialogue with the State Police. The State Police has never been invited to a meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Santa Fe County Representative on this Committee

The Chair informed the committee members that one of the Santa Fe County Commissioners inquired about a seat on the Immigration Committee. This would require a change to the resolution to have a formal place for the County. The Police are not part of the resolution. We could advise them that we have a monthly meeting and invite them to come for exchange of information.

Ms. Diaz moved that we write an official letter to the County from the City or the Immigration Committee explaining what we do and giving information about the resolution and say that we have a liaison from the Santa Fe Police Department who comes to all of our committee meetings, we have other folks who attend. We would love to have a liaison from the County who is not a member and we do not have any vacancies at this time, Second by Ms. Seluja.

Discussion: Captain Wheeler asked where from the County would the Liaison come forward, what would serve the committee best? Law Enforcement is important to this committee, the Sheriff have been very proactive in that sense, is there another portion of the County that you would deal specifically with. It would be important to know who that representative would be.

It was explained that a County Commissioner had written an official letter asking to sit on the Immigration Committee. The Committee felt that an invitation should be extended for them to attend the meetings, take back and bring information to the meeting.

Ms. Diaz moved to withdraw her motion, second by Ms. Seluja, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Diaz moved that we communicate with the Chairperson of the Santa Fe County Commission and extend an invitation to representative(s) from the County who are interested in attending the Immigration Committee meetings and take back the

information from the committee to the County and share with us any information from the County perspective along with a copy of the resolution, second by Ms. Seluja, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

B. Immigration families and CYFD

The Chair talked about a recent meeting when Allegra with Victoria Ferrera was very worried, rightly so, that CYFD was going in to people's homes because of problems and asking for documentation and she wanted the committee to do something about it. We talked about inviting a representative from CYFD to come to our meeting so we could find out what their process is and to discuss how they could train their staff. First it is important to find out what their policies are and then discuss training opportunities.

Captain Wheeler will contact their director and extend the invitation. The Captain said that in their defense, in all reality, he has worked crimes involving children and work very closely with CYFD and their investigators are usually asking questions to benefit the child. In his opinion, if he was a CYFD investigator and he was looking for programs that may benefit a child, he might ask similar questions, i.e., where are you from, is Spanish your primary language, things of that nature. You are potentially placing that child in a foster home, in a place where you want that child to feel safe. If he had a child where the primary language is Spanish, do you want to speak them with a family who speaks no Spanish at all? How comfortable is that child going to feel? The Captain has set in numerous of these investigations where a CYFD Social Worker is sitting there, and they are asking questions to insure that they can fit this child in to the best environment. That is what you might find out when you talk to them. Placement of a child is extremely important.

The Chair asked for the Captain to attend that meeting if at all possible. The Committee members expressed their thanks for this valuable information.

Captain Wheeler stressed that the Police Department's job is the criminal aspect of it and CYFD is the well being of the child aspect of it. Most of the times they don't want to take the children away from their families, they want to keep families together as much as possible, this is why they look for wellness resources that will best fit.

C. Education of young people on immigration issues

Chester Toppie introduced at the last meeting. He would like to provide information on this topic. (Next meeting topic for Agenda)

8. Communications from the Committee and Staff

Next meeting is June 5th. Marcella and Alejandra are not able to attend. It is important to have a quorum when CYFD representative is invited.

The Chair said that she would like to step down as Chair of the Immigration Committee, she has served in this position for a long time and she would like to see a change in leadership. She provided a date of August, 2012 to have a new Chair who is appointed by the Mayor based on the recommendations from the Committee.

Ms. Diaz asked what additional responsibilities are tied in to being Chair besides conducting the meetings. The Chair said that she would need to write these things down; including the response and updates to the City and how do we keep in touch and reach out to the community, how do we educate our City Council, according to the resolution we have to report to the City Council two times a year. The Agenda for each meeting is a reflection of the Minutes and most important is a commitment to attend the meetings.

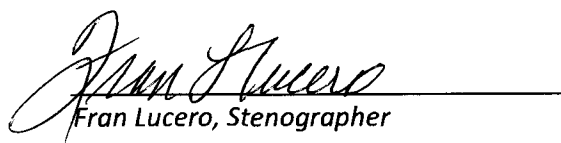
Carla will follow up with all members regarding the June meeting.

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Immigration Committee the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Signature Page:


Maria Cristina Lopez, Chair


Fran Lucero, Stenographer