

Agenda

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Immigration Committee
January 8, 2013
City Councilors' Conference Room
City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

1. Roll Call
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 - a. December 4, 2012
4. Announcements
5. Community Comments
6. Old Business
 - a. Establish due date for letter to Superintendent (Alejandra Seluja, Chairperson)
 - b. Status Update on formal complaint to State Police (Aric Wheeler, SFPD)
 - c. Prison Policies regarding immigrant detainees update (Maria Cristina Lopez, Committee Member)
 - d. Interpreting equipment for City of Santa Fe update (Terrie Rodriguez, Staff Liaison)
7. New Business
 - a. How to better inform the community about this Committee (Joyce Bond, City of Santa Fe Marketing and Information Manager)
 - b. Election of Vice-chair (Alejandra Seluja, Chairperson)
 - c. Resolution Amendment regarding terms of Chair and Vice Chair (Terrie Rodriguez, Staff Liaison)
 - d. Drivers Licenses for immigrants (Marcela Diaz, Committee Member)
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terms of Chair and Vice Chair	<i>Guerrero, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.</i> <i>Ms. Lopez moved to have two year terms for the Chair and the Vice Chair, second by Rev. Topple, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.</i>	
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**Immigration Committee
MINUTES**

January 8, 2013 – 4:00 p.m. – 5:50 pm
City Councilor's Conference Room
Santa Fe, NM

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Alejandra Seluja at 4:10 pm. A quorum was declared by roll call.

I. Roll Call

Present:

Alejandra Seluja, Chair
María Cristina López
Marcela Diaz
Rev. Chester Topple
Cara Esquibel
Amparo Guerrero

Not Present

Jewel Cabeza de Vaca, Excused
Elizabeth Hemmer

Staff Present

Terri Rodriguez

Others Present:

Fran Lucero, Stenographer
Joyce Bond

II. Approval of Agenda

Amendment: Under New Business –d. move before Old business as Ms. Diaz will be leaving early.

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

III. Approval of Minutes

a. December 4, 2012

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

IV. Announcements

The Chair talked about how many of the federal and state benefits will be paid by debit cards. The Guadalupe Credit Union sends out information to more than their 13,000 members and informs them about direct deposit and the charges that are related to use of the debit card. Some of the senior members are not going to understand how use these cards and there is also many questions for those individuals who are not English speaking and don't understand much of the material that is being sent out. This card works the same as a debit card, they will get pin # and they can withdraw money and there are fees that are associated to this. There is a flyer that has been created at the CU and will be sent to the members for their information. Ms. Rodriguez also said that Wells Fargo is going to do one presentation for the Senior Citizens. It was encouraged that there be a CU representative at trainings.

At First Presbyterian Church on Saturday from 8 am to 11 am, there will be legislative advocacy training.

V. Community Comments

None

VI. Old Business

a. Item d-New Business: Drivers Licenses for Immigrants (Marcela Diaz, Committee member)

The state of Illinois has passed through the Senate a law to grant drivers licenses to undocumented immigrants and is waiting to be signed by their Governor.

The state of Connecticut by administrative order is also granting licenses to undocumented immigrants.

These are all good steps and we hope for expansion. This was the first state law since 2003 that gave blanket drivers licenses. The driver's licenses are 3-year licenses as opposed to 5-year licenses so they are referred to as temporary licenses. Although it does not serve as a license for them to board the plane it serves as identification for law enforcement.

Ms. Diaz is working with Mayor Coss to get a local response together for release.

There will be a new NM State Republican Representative from Albuquerque, named Paul Pacheco. He will be carrying the driver's license repeal bill in the house which is a straight repeal bill. There is also another strategy, Senator Paul Campos, wanting to figure out how to continue licensing people the way that we license them but create a real ID compliant license. There will be an Immigrant Lobby Day and Rally at noon on January 30th.

Cara Esquibel will bring 70-80 children to the round house that day for lobby/rally day. Ms. Diaz said they will do a breakfast in the morning, legislative advocacy training, do the rally and the remainder of the time will be to lobby their legislators.

- b. Establish due date for letter to Superintendent (Alejandra Seluja, Chairperson)
Ms. Esquibel reported that she continues to work on completing the letter based on the research she has gathered on what the Superintendent's plans are. Ms. Lopez stated that the committee should not forget what our community has brought up. Ms. Esquibel said that she has incorporated those items mentioned in to this letter. Rev. Topple also recommended that we should verbalize our support if there are items that the Superintendent has outlined that the committee supports. The timeline for completion of this letter will be one week and will be shared with the committee. Ms. Esquibel asked for guidance for the ending; what is the end result? It was recommended to have a follow up meeting with immigrant families close to the end of the school year or to meet at least once a year for mutual discussion. The Chair would like the letter to be sent by the end of this month. Ms. Rodriguez also went through the minutes to assure that follow is done with the specific families; this should also be mentioned to the Superintendent. Ms. Guerrero said we should ask the Superintendent if he could provide follow up from these specific family requests. It was asked if the SFPS had a constituent services individual and if so that we request this person be Spanish speaking. It would be important to learn what the protocol is when a parent calls with concerns.
- c. Status Update on formal complaint to State Police (Aric Wheeler, SFPD)
Deferred to next meeting.
- d. Prison policies regarding immigrant detainees update (Maria Cristina Lopez, committee member)

Ms. Lopez reported that they held a meeting on December 17th with Pablo Sedillo, Public Works Director from Santa Fe County, the new Warden, Mark Gallegos and the SF County Attorney, Stephen Ross. Discussion was regarding creating written policies regarding immigrant inmates and ICE. Mr. Sedillo said that they have about 550 detainees per day and out of those 550 about 250 are from the county and out of those 250, 24-26 are immigrant inmates. Approximately from those 24-26 about 6 are accused of violent crimes. After much discussion about the reasons for not honoring ICE holds, the SF County Attorney insists that they are adhering to. A compromise was reached in which Santa Fe County agreed that the only time they are going to honor ICE holds is for people who have previous convictions of serious and violent crimes. There was a very interesting discussion on what was the role of the prison which is to serve the judges tell them to do and not what ICE tells them to do and due process and importance for immigrants to be treated like anyone else because they live here. The first draft will be sent to the Immigration Committee for review; yet it has not been received to date.

Ms. Diaz stated that they also saw a change in the ICE guidelines and it was one of the reasons the previous meetings was postponed it was a mandate on how they were operating and their non-mandatory request to jails to hold people. They are changing it and they provided an analysis to why this doesn't go far enough and basically the major reason is ultimately that it is the Federal Government. There is a big lawsuit against the Federal Government right now that is slowly going through the courts where they continue to request and confuse local jails about holding people who have not been convicted of any

crimes. It is our local judicial system has a right to determine who gets bailed, who posts bail, who is released. Not these ICE detainer requests by low level ICE officials with zero, no force of probable cause, it is not an ICE detainer it is just a request to interview an individual. The new change is that once charged not convicted, but the other ones are basically that they were going to look for anyone who had a broader list of crimes. They have narrowed the list under crimes. Before it was less clear (Ms. Diaz provided example) and stated that it is still pre-conviction and unclear. We should still be supporting here at the county level is that we are going to say, "If you have never been convicted of a crime why would we hand you over to ICE." We want you to have an opportunity to have due process, go through the criminal justice system just like everyone else and to have an opportunity to prove your innocence. That is the way it should be but right now they don't have this opportunity. Also heard from a probation officer that the Corrections Department under the administration of Susana Martinez sent a memo to all probation officers around the state that they shall report all offenders including first offenders and including misdemeanors to ICE if they don't have social security numbers and are undocumented.

Ms. Rodriguez added that when talking about rules and regulations at the jail it ends up asking who is going to pay for people in jails and if they are county residents the county makes that payment, if they are city residents the City of Santa Fe makes that payment. I have never heard that ICE has said they will pay for 2 days worth of jail payment money. It is a drain on all of those resources that are allocated for them and from the county perspective that is like the biggest chunk of their budget is to run a jail. Therefore, it never hurts to make mention in discussions with the county.

e. Interpreting equipment for City of Santa Fe update (Terrie Rodriguez, Staff Liaison)

Ms. Rodriguez called to find out make and model of the equipment and once that is found out the City Clerk will try to incorporate this into the budget for next year. Ms. Diaz said it was \$3,500 for 20 units and it was ordered on line. This information will be provided to the City Clerk. Equipment could be used by many departments within the city.

VII. New Business

a. How to better inform the community about this committee (Joyce Bond, City of Santa Fe Marketing and Information Manager)

The Chair introduced Ms. Bond and expressed her thanks for being at this meeting. Ms. Bond said that as she understood that the committee wanted more advertisement of this meeting to attract more attendance. Ms. Bond said the meetings are posted on the website. She could also do a news release and provide information on the topics discussed. Also, every other Thursday a newsletter goes out and there is a feature called "coming up" and it could be mentioned there. The Mayor also does television and it could possibly be mentioned there. The Chair said that most of the Immigration Committee audiences are immigrants and much of the information that gets released needs to be bi-lingual (Spanish/English) and many of them need to be reached outside

of a website. Ms. Esquibel also suggested that maybe some type of poster for the church's at the Spanish speaking masses are the most effective way to get information out there, making one announcement as you will get so many families. This is a good resource for information. Ms. Bond said that when they do big information releases they have used the churches. Ms. Esquibel said she is also happy to get information to the churches and it would be important to let them know they can attend and participate under Community Comments. Ms. Diaz expressed the cautionary measure that what we provide as information needs to be carefully stated as the Immigration Committee members are not case managers or even an information resource center. We need to be very clear about what kinds of concerns, we have to explain what we do and that we welcome comments and participation. We do not want to provide false expectations. Ms. Bond said that a pamphlet in English/Spanish is probably needed explaining what the mission is for the Immigration Committee also sharing the date of the monthly meetings. It was asked; "where does the money come from for this type of brochure?" Ms. Rodriguez said that with the use of modern technology, a smaller run that is more cost effective could be done in-house. Ms. Seluja said it would be important to collectively discuss what would the committee include in this type of brochure. It would be very difficult to have so many people attend the meetings and for us not do justice for them. They might come to a meeting with different expectations so we need to be clear of what the committee does, we need to document and express ourselves clearly. Ms. Diaz commented that discussion regarding city policies is of importance to our constituents. In some cases the Mayor and the City Council may not realize that something like a community workforce agreement issue, how that affects immigrants. Other topics like how does living wage laws, how does anything that happens in the city affect immigrants so it is the job of this committee to reach out and inform our community. If we can do it theme based we can collectively gather the information and publish the meeting. We are here to try to make recommendations about policies that the city is already considering or new policies that we think are important and how they impact immigrant communities because we are often ignored in that entire policy making. We are fortunate to have Councilor Carmichael on our side and he does make recommendations to the Mayor and Council. Ms. Rodriguez said that between the work from Councilor Carmichael and the staff work, Councilor Carmichael continues to use the information that he gathers to provide knowledge to the Mayor and Council.

The Chair welcomes ideas from Joyce Bond. Ms. Bond said that one important thing as a committee is to come up with mission and purpose in order to form a plan of how you are going to get it out to the community and constituents.

Thank you to Ms. Bond for attending the meeting and look forward to working with her in the future. Maria Cristina Lopez said that she likes the idea on the brochure, the cable TV program is good and developing the issues to conduct a theme meeting are all great ideas to develop an outreach to the community. Cara Esquibel asked about the Resource Center and what information is available. Amparo Guerrero will bring information to the next meeting. It was also asked if the resource list that is available could be posted on the website, Joyce will work on getting this posted. There are many questions from the community and to have a good referral source for this list is needed. Ms. Rodriguez will work with Joyce and provide her with the resource list and if the

committee is interested in a 3 fold brochure the committee should work on what the content should be.

b. Election of Vice-Chair (Alejandra Seluja, Chairperson)

The Chair announced according to the statute, the Vice-Chair needs to be elected by the committee members.

Some of the duties of the Vice Chair are to act in the absence of the Chair and to assist with the Annual Report, amongst other duties as discussed with the Chair.

Nominees:

Maria Cristina Lopez

Rev. Chester Topple - Declined the nomination for personal reasons.

Amparo Guerrero – Declined the nomination based on work commitments.

The Chair asked Ms. Maria Cristina Lopez if she would consider sitting as Vice-Chair for 1 year, Ms. Lopez agreed.

Ms. Rodriguez added clarification for the minutes is the selection of Maria Cristina Lopez for Vice-Chair.

Rev. Topple moved to formalize the nomination of Maria Cristina Lopez as Vice-Chair to sever a one year term, second by Ms. Guerrero, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion was held on nominations for new committee members. The Chair recommended Mr. Robert Baldonado who is very involved with the south side merchants and the community. Maria Cristina said she would also like to see a young person on the committee as their contribution would be so valuable. The committee will collectively bring names to the Chair for consideration.

c. Resolution amendment regarding terms of Chair and Vice Chair (Terrie Rodriguez, Staff Liaison)

Ms. Rodriguez provided the committee with wording on the terms of the Chair and the Vice-Chair as received from the City Clerk and Ms. Byers in the Legal Department. The terms of the Chair and the Vice-Chair are usually in line with the terms of the regular members therefore, this committee is 2 years. It can be determined by this Committee if you want to have that be put in to a resolution and go through the formal process to do that or you can make that determination yourself to say, "we want to have it be in line with the terms or you can say that is too long, we want it to be a one year term or defining the structure." Ms. Byers advised that the committee look at the resolution that was established had everyone on a 2 year term and again, the committee could decide if it should be a 1 or 2 year term, but not beyond that. It was asked what the rule would be for a Chair to serve consecutive terms. The response was if this was a recommendation to limit the terms than we would want to formalize the process and put it in to an amendment.

Ms. Rodriguez recommended that the committee agree on the terms vs. going the route of changing the resolution as it can become very complicated to get

through the process. Ms. Rodriguez will bring to the next meeting term dates for the committee members.

Maria Cristina Lopez would like to see the term be for two years.

Ms. Lopez moved to have two year terms for the Chair and the Vice Chair, second by Rev. Topple, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- d. Drivers Licenses for Immigrants (Marcela Diaz, Committee member) (discussed under New Business).

VIII. Communications from Staff

Ms. Rodriguez informed the committee that she will make a recommendation to have the meetings start at 4:15 pm to better serve the needs of the committee members. It was recommended that the day of the meeting could be changed to assure that all members can be there from start to finish. The Chair will send an e-mail to the committee members recommending Thursday at 4:15 pm on a monthly basis. It was also noted that parking for committee members attending the meeting is available at the Convention Center Parking structure.

IX. Communications from Committee

Rev. Topple plans to meet with the Youth Group at the Teen Center on the 17th and will report at the next meeting.

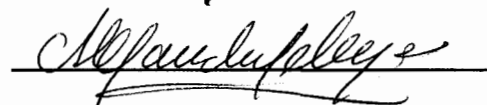
January 11, 2013 is Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

It was noted that if there are flyers or community events that need to be distributed to the committee members, it should be sent to Ms. Rodriguez and she will distribute to the committee members.

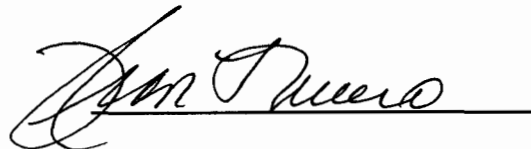
X. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Immigration Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Signature Page:



Alejandra Seluja, Chair



Fran Lucero, Stenographer