



Agenda

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Immigration Committee

October 2, 2012 – 4:00 p.m.
Santa Fe Community Convention Center
Milagro Room, 1st Floor
201 West Marcy Street

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. August 7, 2012
- IV. Announcements
- V. Community Comments
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Welcome new chair
 - b. Report on Caravan for Peace
 - c. Report to City Council
 - d. Education of young people on immigration issues / Youth Advisory
- VII. New Business
 - a. State Police representative
 - b. Probation and Parole Policies and Procedures re immigrants
 - c. Update on USCIS response about Deferred Action
 - d. Discuss invitation to Superintendent Joel Boyd – date and place
 - e. Meeting Dates for 2013
- VIII. Communications from Staff
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- X. Adjourn

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Roll Call	A quorum was declared by roll call.	2
Review and Approval of Agenda Move VII-D after community comments.	Maria Cristina moved to approve the agenda as amended, second by Amparo Guerrero, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.	2
Approval of Minutes August 7, 2012	Maria Cristina moved to approve the minutes of August 7, 2012 as presented, second by Jewel Cabeza de Vaca, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.	2
Announcements	Informational	2-3
Community Comments	None	3
VII-D: New Business: Invite to Superintendent Joel Boyd	Sub-Committee created to prepare agenda for meeting. Staff Liaison to contact SFPS and get a date set.	3-4
Old Business a. <u>Welcome New Chair</u> b. <u>Report on Caravan for Peace</u> c. <u>Report to City Council</u> d. <u>Education of young people on immigration issues/Youth Advisory</u>	Alejandra Seluja, Chair Informational	4-5
New Business a. State Police Representative b. Probation and Parole Policies and procedures regarding Immigrants c. Update on USCIS response about Deferred Action d. Meeting Dates for 2013	a-c – Informational Ms. Hemmer moved to hold the Immigration Committee Meetings at 4:00 pm on the first Tuesday of each month, second by Jewel Cabeza de Vaca, motion carried by	5-6

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	unanimous voice vote.	
Communications from Staff	None	6
Communications from Committee	Informational – Staff follow up on Vice Chair Agenda Item and invite to new Jail Warden and Public Safety Director for Santa Fe County.	6
Adjournment and Signature Page	The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.	6

**Immigration Committee
MINUTES**

October 2, 2012 – 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 pm
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Kearney Room, 1st Floor
201 West Marcy Street, Santa Fe, NM

I. Roll Call

Present:

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

Not Present:

Marcela Diaz
Betty Shinas

Others Present:

Captain Aric Wheeler, Santa Fe City Police
Julia Valdez, Representing Santa Fe County Commissioner Stefanics
Fran Lucero, Stenographer

A quorum was declared by roll call.

II. Approval of Agenda

Move VII-D after community comments.

Maria Cristina moved to approve the agenda as amended, second by Amparo Guerrero, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

III. Approval of Minutes

a. August 7, 2012

Maria Cristina moved to approve the minutes of August 7, 2012 as presented, second by Jewel Cabeza de Vaca, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IV. Announcements

October is Sexual Violence Month – the City of Santa Fe is promoting this event in the community. This is important to the immigrant community as we have a big problem. Please support these programs and organizations in our community. Purple ribbon signifies - stop sexual violence.

Immigrants need to know what is happening in the elections. The next forum is October 17, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the Unitarian Church. Lucky Varela and the candidates that include El Dorado will be present. This is being coordinated by the League of Women Voters. It is in our interest to attend these forums and ask questions.

Ms. Guerrero said that if this event is going to be promoted to the immigrant population, we should assure that there is a translator. The League of Women Voters contact will be called to request this service.

October 3rd there will be a meeting at Monte del Sol Charter School at 5:30 pm that will talk about deferred action. The forum is to help people who want to apply and to be better informed. Those participating are; Somos un Pueblo Unido y los Derechos del Trabajador, Guadalupe Credit Union, NM Dreamers in Action and Catholic Charities.

Worker's Right Panel will be held on October 11th at Crespín Hall, St. Francis Cathedral from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Somos un Pueblo Unido and the City and State representatives will be there. It is sponsored by the Peace and Justice Committee and Interfaith Workers Justice.

Guadalupe Credit Union – Branch will open on Airport Road on October 27, 2012. It is the only main stream banking facility on Airport Rd., there will be entertainment.

It was suggested in the future if there are any announcements that have a flyer, send on to Carla Lopez and she will send to the committee by e-mail.

V. Community Comments
None

(Amended Agenda - VIID)

Discussion for inviting Joel Boyd, SFPS Superintendent. He cannot attend the first Tuesday of the month as the school board meets on this day. We would like to propose a special meeting date to accommodate his schedule.

It was noted that he is conducting community meetings. It would be great if we could address specific issues and bring up our concerns.

Ms. Guerrero said it would be a good idea to invite him but to have a good program agenda and possibly have immigrant students present and allow them to speak. If we could possibly have 4-5 students and allow them to present in a uniform manner, it would be beneficial. Suggestion is to do a meeting in November; Mr. Boyd doesn't have a lot of time and if we want to be included in the strategic plan we need to meet with him as soon as we can.

The next meeting of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee takes place at 4:45 pm and this might be a good forum to combine with the efforts of the Immigration Committee.

Cara Esquibel said she could do research on statistics for this meeting.

The next meeting is November 15th.

Ms. Cabeza de Vaca asked whether we combine our efforts with the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee, we need to plan a structured meeting with a facilitator.

Ms. Lopez proposed that as the Immigration Committee is a formal city committee that we should create a committee to, a) identify those who should be invited, b) accommodate Mr. Boyd and 3) invite the Mayor's Youth Advisory committee. Ms. Guerrero offered the SOLACE building for the venue.

Staff Direction: Carla Lopez will call the Superintendent's office to ask for a date in November. Once a date is identified, present the date to the committee by e-mail. Cara Esquibel will chair the sub-committee and send out notice for the meeting to plan for this meeting.

Sub-Committee Suggestions: A future meeting date will be identified.

Cara Esquibel, Chair

Amparo Guerrero

Alejandra Seluja

Carla Lopez

VI. Old Business

a. Welcome New Chair – Alejandra Seluja

Born in Uruguay, South America - has lived in Santa Fe, NM for 11 years. Has children (24 & 21) and works for the Guadalupe Credit Union. She is happy to chair the Immigration Committee.

b. Report on Caravan for Peace

Cara and Amparo attended. They provided a report on this event that was held at the plaza and talked about the good media coverage provided by the local newspaper. Those in the Caravan have already arrived in Washington and are actually back in Mexico. It was well attended and very motivating. The stories by the parents and grandparents were very strong and sad. The message here is; "stop the drug war". There was discussion on the President's report on drug trafficking from Mexico to the United States. It was noted that Uruguay has legalized marijuana and the government will manage the sale. It is important to know that there is a strong drug problem in our own community and it is affecting are children. We don't have to look very far as the problem is right here in our own backyard. Cipriana Varela also went to the caravan. It was suggested that she be invited to the next meeting.

Captain Wheeler: Destruction of Drugs: In conjunction with the City of Santa Fe and the DEA; they work together when there are community wide drives to destroy old drugs/prescriptions. We have seen the problem for a long time that these kids have access to drugs that mom and dad might have had at home and they don't know the affects of the drug when they use them. They get addicted to them and they get a high when taking them. Heroin is a lot cheaper so the drug sellers tell them they can buy for less than prescription drugs.

- c. Report to City Council
The Chair requested input from the committee on the annual report presentation to the City Council. Ms. Maria Cristina Lopez said that this presentation to the City Council was planned to be presented by Betty Shinas and the Chair who would present the highlights on the work of the Committee and introduce the new chair. (Staff Liaison to follow-up on date for presentation to the city council and to inform the committee by e-mail for preparation).
- d. Education of young people on immigration issues /Youth Advisory
Cara Esquibel
Hoping for a good turnout at the October 3rd meeting, a report will be presented at the next meeting.

VII. New Business

- a. State Police representative
Captain Wheeler said that the State Police will not attend without a firm agenda item. The State Police would like to know more about the case in question and Marcela Dias was to present the actual complaint to the Deputy Chief so he can do his research before he comes before the committee.
- b. Probation and Parole Policies and Procedures re Immigrants
Carla Lopez sent a request for documents to the CYFD office. The legal counsel for the CYFD sent her a paragraph explaining their position. Maria Cristina Lopez will send this paragraph to the committee and more discussion will continue at the next meeting. It was said that we have to report every child to ICE. It was recommended after review of this language that possibly inviting a representative from CYFD would be helpful.
- c. Update on USCIS response about Deferred Action
An e-mail was sent to USCIS directly about deferred action and the response was that those that were not enrolled in school by September, 2012 could not apply. It was responded that they had to be enrolled before they applied. Today Santa Fe Community College (SFCC) was meeting with the workers center at SOMOS. *F/U: A copy of this document will be brought to the next meeting.*

It was suggested that Victoria be invited to present an update. There are community comments that some have heard saying that they should not apply until after the election. The Chair was at a meeting where Victoria did say that it would be safer to wait until after the election. There is always a risk when you apply for change in immigration status.

Ms. Hemmer did reiterate that Catholic Charities is assisting with applications.

- d. Discuss invitation to Superintendent Joel Boyd
(Date and place discussed above).
- e. Meeting Dates for 2013
Ms. Hemmer moved to hold the Immigration Committee Meetings at 4:00 pm on the first Tuesday of each month, second by Jewel Cabeza de Vaca, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

VIII. Communications from Staff
None

IX. Communications from Committee
Maria Cristina Lopez suggested agenda item: Discussion for Vice Chair position at next meeting.

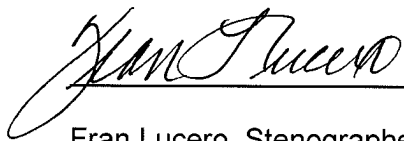
Also, the invitation to the new Jail Warden – Mark Gallegos and the Public Safety Director, Mr. Pablo Sedillo will be coordinated by the Staff Liaison.

X. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Immigration Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Signature Page:

Alejandra Seluja, Chair



Fran Lucero, Stenographer