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IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday, DECEMBER 4, 2018
4:30 pm –6:00pm

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

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PRESENT:

Javier Rios, Chair
Susan Hayre
Amparo Guerrero
Marcela Diaz
Jewel Cabeza de Vaca
Maria Cristina Lopez
Ivan Cornejo

NOT PRESENT:

STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT:

Lt. Judah Montano, SFPD
Victor Vigil, Staff

2. Approval of Agenda

*Ms. Diaz asked to combine c & d under #5 - New Business.
No action on November 20, 2018 Minutes*

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

3. Approval of Minutes: August 21, 2018 - November 20, 2018 delayed to next meeting

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4. Community Comments

Veronica Velasquez

5. New Business/Action Items

a. Select Immigration Committee Co-Chair

Mr. Vigil announced that Javier Rios is the formal Chair for the Immigration Committee appointed by the Mayor.

Nominations for Vice Chair: Amparo Guerrero

Ms. Guerrero asked what the responsibilities are for the Co-Chair of this committee? She accepts the nomination after the explanation by Maria Cristina Lopez.

Ms. Maria Cristina Lopez said that the Co-Chair acts as Chair during an absence. Co-Chair is active in reporting to City Council about the Immigration Committee.

Ms. Hayre moved to elect Amparo Guerrero as the Co-Chair, second by Ivan Cornejo, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Chairmanship was turned over to Ms. Guerrero

b. Discuss Committee Report to City Council

Mr. Vigil asked the Committee how the report has been done in the past. Ms. Guerrero suggested that ever committee should submit a report for 2018. They could report their challenges and successes. Ms. Guerrero would also like the Police Department to provide a report for submission.

Maria Cristina Lopez said it is her understanding that each committee submits their portion of the report to the Chair. Only one person from the Committee would present to the Mayor and Council. Ms. Guerrero asked what the date is to give the report. Mr. Vigil will check with the Mayor and Council on a date that is mutually agreeable to make this report to the City Council. The next meeting is January 8th, 2019 – this could be the designated date for the sub-committee to provide their reports. Ms. Guerrero asked if the Chair could provide the committee members with an electronic copy of the report prior to the February meeting. The Chair concurred and will provide to the members.

C&D Combined.

c. Work to endorse privacy policy at the state level

d. Proposed 2019 legislation regarding immigrant and workers issues

Representatives from SOMOS un Pueblo Unido were present at the meeting, Veronica Velasquez provided the report for the upcoming legislative session. She stated that in January they would like to present five points to the Legislature, (list read in Spanish. Ms. Diaz said as the points have not been made public at this time, they will be published on the SOMOS website at a later date.

1. Limit use of resources by local and state jurisdictions, including jobs to aid Federal agencies in the enforcement of civil immigration laws.
2. Privacy/confidentiality policy for all state agencies including the Department of Corrections which oversees probation officers.
3. Upgrade driver's license and ID procedures.
4. Increase the budget for the Department of Workforce Solutions.
5. (inaudible)

Ms. Rayos talked about a project regarding citizenship and another strategy that they are working with the community as they know there are 4,000 who are eligible to be citizens.

It was noted that there are over 700 cases backlogged at the Department of Work Force Solutions. There are not enough investigators or attorney's in this department to complete the reviews. The request to the legislature will be to add 2 attorneys who can handle these cases and take them to court. They also need to devise a method on how they work on the back log of cases.

Ms. Diaz stated that there are complaints that the employees have as well.

Gabriela (from SOMOS): We want the DWS to have more benefits or assistance, in the outlying areas. We would like the investigators to go to these areas, if they see and discover the complaints we would like them to investigate. We would also like more interpretation services. We would also like to have more discussion on the driver's licenses. This week there will be an announcement regarding other complaints. We also have comments on how we can make things better.

Thank you to the audience members of SOMOS for speaking about the work they have done and plan to do for the 60 day legislative session.

Ms. Guerrero asked what the Immigration Committee can do to help with these projections.

SOMOS has many families and individuals who still have fear. We do have policies, we would like state policies, and to have our information protected. We would not ask city and county for anything at this time, we are pursuing the state.

Probation and Parole falls under the state policy. ICE, sharing information by agencies.

Lt. Judah Montano: People don't go to probation for small things. Magistrate and Municipal Court handle small traffic citations. Probation and Parole are big level crimes handled by a different judicial system. Kids need to be safe. I do think the policy is working, it has brought our community closer.

It was noted that in the past, they have proposed that a Resolution be created to endorse these 5 points as we have seen how they have worked for our city. Chair asked if we could send our recommendations vs. a Resolution.

Ms. Guerrero said that 700 cases at DWS are from Santa Fe. We are part of these cases and would like to ask for more information.

Ms. Diaz said they don't have the sponsors and she could bring this to the next meeting. The truth is that none of these items fall outside of what the city is supporting. These are all things that the City of Santa Fe has taken to the next level. We could ask the Mayor and City Council or we could suggest to the Mayor as we did when we talked about the Census, we approved things in concept when we talked about the Census. The Mayor's office took that information and turned it in to a Resolution. We could make a request that we support these five items in concept since they come from Santa Fe and ask that someone from the Mayor's office work with the Immigration Committee to create a Resolution and work on these items as they have done in the past since they affect Santa Fe.

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6. Old Business

a. Subcommittee Updates

- Welcoming Communities**

Report is to meet with Victor Vigil on Language Access RFP.

Susan Hayre has been attending the Citizenship Forums and speaking on behalf of the Immigration Committee and invited other members to come and present in the future. Ms. Diaz asked for members to consider this appointment.

Ivan Cornejo stated that if it isn't on Wednesday's he would like to present. He will be in contact with SOMOS representatives to get a schedule.

- **Education**

Ivan Cornejo: The sub-committee met and they would like another meeting with the Superintendent of Schools in order to get a formal date for her to come to the Immigration Committee and to define the role of the liaison between the Board of Education and Immigration Committee. The consensus of the Immigration Committee is that they don't want the representative to just come and listen, they would like for them to participate and to discuss how we can collaborate. They would like to learn how they can make a permanent collaboration with the liaison. They want to make Immigration 101 more concrete for the schools. Ivan, Amparo and Maria Cristina are working on the agenda to present to the Superintendent for approval. We would like for SFPS to implement a permanent position for the next school year.

Victor Vigil asked if there is an agenda to present to the Superintendent of Schools. A date needs to be set for the forum. Ms. Guerrero said we can speak to Dr. Lujan about the report and issues. Mr. Vigil will e-mail Dr. Lujan and he can present to the Superintendent and report back to the Immigration Committee.

- **Social Media & Communications**

The Chair and Ms. Cabeza de Vaca will have author rights on the Social Media page.

- **Members please turn in a current brief bio and photo by December meeting.**
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The Chair asked for pictures, if you are happy with the Bio that is on the website please let Javier know.

The Chair will send a link to the members for updates. Deadline is no later than January meeting.

Ms. Guerrero asked that the organization representatives be included in the website. This would include the County, SFPD and SFPS representative.

Ms. Diaz asked for a word limit.

The Chair will share a short bio for the website. It was also asked if each member would consider listing what they do on the committee or who they represent. We need to stay uniform on the information.

- **Potential Facebook Page**
Jewel Cabeza de Vaca expressed her thank you to Mr. Vigil for doing the Facebook page.
- **Sub-committee meeting with City to discuss progress and updates**
- **Police Department**
There is a final for the on line report and it is both in English and Spanish.

When should you call or fill a report on line?
Lt. Montano provided information.

City of Santa Fe Police Site: Do you want to file a report.

Ms. Diaz stated that an e-mail was received, shared with Mayor and Chief Padilla regarding the good work that Deputy Chief Vasquez is doing with the U-Visas. The individual talked about the system is really great and they like their relationship working with the city police.

7. Comments from the Chair and Committee Members

Ms. Guerrero expressed her thanks to the committee and staff for their hard work. Happy Holiday.

8. Report from Staff

Mr. Vigil also expressed his thanks to the committee. He asked if committee members have information for the next agenda to send to him by December 27th. Next meeting is January 8, 2019

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Immigration Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Signature

Javier Rios, Chair



Fran Lucero, Stenographer