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IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2018
4:30 pm -6:00pm

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Javier Rios, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order for the Immigration Committee at 4:30 pm at the City of Santa Fe Market Station. Roll call reflects a quorum.

PRESENT:

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

NOT PRESENT:

STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT:

Victor Vigil, Staff

2. Approval of Agenda

Move Education to #1 under Old Business and Welcoming Communities under this area to #2.

Note that August minutes were postponed until next meeting.

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

3. Approval of Minutes: August 21, 2018 and October 2, 2018

Postpone approval of the Minutes of August 21, 2018 for committee to review until next meeting.

Ms. Cristina Lopez moved to approve the minutes of October 2, 2018, second by Ms. Guerrero, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

4. Community Comments

Elias: Introduced himself and expressed interest in being a part of the Immigration Committee. He mentioned that he works with homeless youth, immigrants, education and does some civic engagement with the NM Dream Team. He shared some of his personal life story and situation. He sits on a Youth Advisory Board that meets every other month. It was mentioned that there are 1,200 homeless youth in Santa Fe Public Schools.

5. New Business/Action Items

- a. Permanent position for a liaison between the Immigration Committee and the SFPS**

Report under Education

Ms. Lopez moved to accept Dr. James D. Lujan as a liaison between the Immigration Committee and SFPS, second by Ms. Guerrero, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

6. Old Business

a. Subcommittee Updates

• Education

Had the pleasure to meet Dr. James D. Lujan the Associate Superintendent for Teaching & Learning with SFPS. He was born in Albuquerque and raised in Juarez, Mexico. He discussed some of his personal and professional experiences highlighting those related to the work of our committee.

Report: There was a positive outcome from the meeting with SFPS Superintendent which resulted in Dr. Lujan becoming the Committee Liaison between SFPS and Immigration Committee. They discussed the success of the Immigration 101 presentations to SFP to about 1,200 people. They are working on a forum with the SFPS Superintendent and immigrant families. The hope is to have a meeting with SFPS Superintendent and Education Committee every 3 months.

• Welcoming Communities

Discussed the 2 forums regarding the citizenship program. 46 people have signed up to date. The application process takes up to 3 months. There will be another session on December 5th at 5:30 pm here in Santa Fe.

- **Social Media & Communications**
 - **Members please turn in a current brief bio and photo by December meeting.**
 - **Members please turn in a current brief bio and photo by December meeting. Bio to include professional and personal reasons for serving on committee.**
Members will work on getting the bio and pictures to the Chair.
 - **Potential Facebook Page**
 - **Any new information from the City?**
Ms. Cabeza de Vaca and Mr. Vigil will have a report on the process by the December 4, 2018 meeting. Victor is doing a great job.
 - **Police Department**
No police present for report. Ms. Diaz did report that Chief Vasquez stated that the U-Visa work is going well.

7. Comments from the Chair and Committee Members

- County liaison has not been present to report on current happenings and progress.
- Discussion of items to add to next meeting agenda including official Chair appointment, Co-Chair selection, recruitment of additional committee members (currently 2 open positions), report to the Governing Body by the Immigration Committee members.
- Brief comments on Con Alma census convening.

8. Report from Staff

Mr. Vigil reported that the Director of Community Services is on board.
Next meeting: December 4th.

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