

TOWN OF SILER CITY

The Siler City Immigrant Community Advisory Committee met on **Tuesday, February 8, 2022**, at 6:00pm at Wren Memorial Library and by Zoom (Electronic).

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Norma Hernandez, Danubio Vazquez Rodriguez, Zoom: Hannia Benitez, Victoria Navarro, Carlos Simpson, Jisselle Perdomo, and Shirley Villatoro

TOWN STAFF PRESENT: Town Clerk Jenifer Johnson and Zoom: Town Manager Roy Lynch

Chair Hannia Benitez called the meeting of the Immigrant Community Advisory Committee to order.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Hernandez, seconded by Vazquez-Rodriguez, and unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the consent agenda which includes the January 11, 2022, Minutes was made by Hernandez, seconded by Villatoro, and unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION

ARPA Community Conversations & Survey - Cortney Cooper-Lewter – Chatham County

Cooper-Lewter with Chatham County stated that Chatham County will receive about \$14.5 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to address the negative public health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Cooper-Lewter shared information about the Community Conversation concerning the American Rescue Plan Funding. She stated that Chatham County wants to hear from residents. Cooper-Lewter shared the upcoming meeting times that will be held in Siler City.

The Advisory Committee asked questions of Cooper-Lewter and thanked her for the presentation.

OLD BUSINESS

Sub-Committee Discussion and Appointments

The Advisory Committee discussed the sub-committees and the number of potential extra meetings but felt that they should have them so they can learn about the areas without having a full advisory board meeting. The Advisory Committee also discussed the possibility of having a retreat in three months to discuss the next steps after the research period is done.

A motion to create the following appointments to the five sub-committee was made by Benitez, seconded by Navarro, and unanimously approved.

1. Communication and Leadership: Hannia Benitez, Danubio Vazquez Rodriguez, Carlos Simpson, and the Town Staff liaison will be Town Clerk Jenifer Johnson.
2. Business & Entrepreneurship: Norma Hernandez, Jisselle Perdomo, and the Town Staff liaison will be Planning and Community Development Director Jack Meadows.
3. Parks & Recreation and Youth Mental Health: Norma Hernandez, Victoria Navarro, Shirley Villatoro, and the Town Staff liaison will be Parks and Recreation Director Jack Clelland.

4. Housing and Public Transportation: Hannia Benitez, Victoria Navarro, and the Town Staff liaison will be Planning and Community Development Director Jack Meadows.
5. Public Safety & Law Enforcement: Jisselle Perdomo, Danubio Vazquez Rodriguez, Shirley Villatoro, and the Town Staff liaison will be Police Chief Mike Wagner.

NEXT STEPS

Johnson overviewed the website updates.
The committee discussed how to get the word out about the committee.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

None


ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the Immigrant Community Advisory Committee adjourned at 7:28pm.



Hannia Benitez, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Jenifer K. Johnson, Town Clerk