

Mayor's Immigration Issues Task Force Meeting Minutes April 28, 2008

Attendees:

- Minutemen (Mel Oliverson)
- Veterans for Secure Borders (Bob Park)
- Prescott College AZLan Center (Ligia Umana)
- Deputy City Manager (Laurie Hadley)
- Police Department (Lt. Andrew Reinhardt)
- City Attorney (Gary Kidd)
- Yavapai County Contractors Association (YCCA) Sandy Griffis
- Hispanic Community Representative (Brenda Bobinsky)
- Gil Shaw (trained facilitator/mediator)
- Mayor Jack Wilson, committee chairman
- Sister Anne Fitzsimons, Sacred Heart Parish (replacing Father Art)

Media:

- Cindy Barks, Prescott Daily Courier
- Lauren Millette, KYCA
- Lynne LaMaster, Prescott eNews

Meeting recap

The meeting was called to order at 9:02am by the chairman, Mayor Jack D. Wilson.

1. The Future of the Task Force
 - a. Facilitator Gil Shaw discussed the background issues confronting the Task Force. I.E., the lack of Federal actions and the fact that no other entity has attempted to bring a diverse group together like this Task Force.
 - b. Recent ICE issues and the bypass of the Task Force
 - i. Brenda Bobinsky and Ligia Umana objected to Mayor Wilson's ICE Initiative and not including the Immigration Task Force in that decision.
 - ii. City Attorney Gary Kidd noted that the Prescott City Council had passed a resolution directing getting ICE training for two Prescott Police Department officers.
 - iii. Lt. Andy Reinhardt discussed additional background on ICE
 - iv. Bob Park described the history of the 287G effort in Northern Arizona.
 - v. Sandy Griffis supported the action that the Mayor took.
 - vi. Laurie Hadley said she would email the task force in the future if the Mayor needed to make a quick decision.
 - vii. Mel Oliverson made a motion stating the Mayor has the authority to make decisions such as this as CEO of the City and we should move on to other items in the agenda.
 - c. What shall be the continued purpose of the Task Force in light of City Council Actions.
 - i. To advise the Mayor.
2. What is the Purpose of the ICE officers on the Prescott PD?
 - ICE has four programs for police officers. One for detention officer training requires that you have a jail, which Prescott does not. The other three are for field officer training for gang activities, forged documents and employment related issues.

3. Enforcement Action on Lincoln and Grove.
 - a. Mel Oliverson stated that he still would like the city to enforce the current sidewalk ordinance and the stopping on the street ordinance.
 - b. City Attorney Gary Kidd reviewed the case law issues regarding enforcement of the sidewalk ordinance. That included a review of constitutionally protected rights of both documented and undocumented citizens. He also discussed decisions from the 9th Circuit Court that confirmed these rights. He also referenced a case in Cave Creek where that city was sued under a civil right action challenging their sidewalk ordinance.
 - c. Mel Oliverson asked if any of Gary Kidd's review applied to the no stopping ordinance.
 - d. Mayor Wilson discussed the issue of the City Council directing the Prescott Police department to target Lincoln and Grove. If that were to occur, we would expect a civil rights law suit.
4. The use of Live Scan or similar Technology in the Prescott PD and the checking of citizenship status on any stop.
 - a. Lt. Reinhardt discussed Live Scan technology. It is new technology that is a mobile device. The officer takes a one or two fingerprint scan and that is transmitted to a computer to determine if the person has been previously fingerprinted and the identity they used at that time. This system does not have the capability of confirming whether or not an individual is a US Citizen. He discussed that a stand-alone unit would cost at least \$40,000 or \$50,000 and would not be conducive to the city as they would have to develop a long term data base with stored prints. Sagem Morpho RapID under development with DPS and the FBI. No one in the state of Arizona has Live Scan currently. As of last week, it still had not been determined what type of wireless system will be used to transmit the data from the Livescan to AFIS, i.e. Cellular, PD Radio, or Wi-fi. In the event that Radio or Wi-fi will be used, additional infrastructure may be necessary and at the expense of the city.
 - b. Gary Kidd noted there were no constitutional issues with this technology.
 - c. Lt. Reinhardt noted that wireless connection technology has been a challenge.
 - d. DPS has put the issue on hold until they can work through the security issues. This has been the status for several months. Expect that the security issues will be resolved by the end of May.
 - e. Live Scan will only pick up people that have previously been fingerprinted.
5. Permanent oversight committee?
 - a. No discussion.
6. Possible solutions to Lincoln and Grove, particular work force issues and the meeting of needs of both business and potential employees.
 - a. Mel Oliverson suggested having task force members bring forward:
 - i. Two issues with a 20-minute presentation
 - ii. Five minute response from each task force member
 - iii. Vote of the task force members would determine which ideas should be forwarded to the Mayor.
 - iv. Agreed that each task force member would submit two (2) items to Gil Shaw by May 15.
 - v. Expected next meeting around June 2nd (Lt. Reinhardt out on that date so need a date when he will be available)..