

HISPANIC IMMIGRATION PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING, 18 November 1987 MINUTES

Members present: Pat Carroll, Patty Mueller, George Phillips, Ross Purdy,

Gene Seaman

Members Absent: Mary Helen Berlanga, Dr. Hector Garcia, Leo Guerrero, Janet

Harte, Gerry Sawyer, Mike Stewart

Funding:

<u>Private Academic Agencies</u>: We are completing our proposal for the Ford Foundation, and plan to send it in by November 25. The submission deadline is December 1. In addition, we have sent out letters of inquiry to ten foundations or agencies, and identified an additional fourteen to which we will be applying in the next few months.

<u>Community Sources</u>: Various speakers for a possible project fundraiser were discussed. In addition, a donation of \$3000 was received, and Tom Utter of the City Council is contacting some funding sources on our behalf.

Progress:

A bound progress report of 146 pages was presented to the City Council on October 20. The legalization surveys have picked up pace with the hiring of an additional interviewer, Merita Chenaux. Ms. Chenaux is currently assisting Pat Thomas at Catholic Social Services; plans are underway to locate her at a second local interview site in the upcoming weeks. The first employer interviews are beginning this weekend (Nov. 21-22) and are being conducted by a CCSU graduate student, Rome Smyth. Interviews will be sought both from Chamber of Commerce members and through personal contacts with small businesses. A letter of endorsement was circulated and signed.

The project has been invited to travel to Houston in late March 1988 to present a paper at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association.

New members:

Local attorney Sandra Watts was nominated for membership on the Advisory Committee. Nominations for additional members are still being sought.

Pat Carroll
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