

# City of Albuquerque

## Department of Senior Affairs Advisory Council

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Albuquerque, NM 87102



Anna M. Sanchez, Director

DSA Advisory Council Meeting  
North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center  
October 21, 2019

### Minutes

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Evan Thompson – 12:07 pm
  - a. Present: Evan Thompson, Bobbi Carmona-Young, Diann Huddleson, Onastine Jaramillo, Lucy Lopez, Greg Lopez, Joie Glenn, Steve Borbas, and Allison Weber
  - b. Absent: Debby Knotts, Richard Garcia, C. Hugh Formhals
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Evan motions, Greg and Steve second, September Minutes approved.
- III. Approval of the Agenda
  - a. Evan motions, Allison seconds, October Agenda was approved.
- IV. Motions
  - a. Onastine motions for Evan to serve as Acting Chair, council agrees, Evan accepts.
- V. Public Participation
  - a. Veronica Cordova attended on behalf of Bernalillo County to ask if council members would consider being liaisons at the County centers.
  - b. Anisa Mathson, occupational therapist at UNM is a member of the public who wanted to see what the Advisory Council meeting entails.
- VI. DSA Report: Angel Montoya, North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center
  - a. Angel provided an update on the gymnasium that is being built, they are hoping to have it open in April. They have added parking in the NW area, over 300 spots. The center has updated to LED energy efficient lights. Angel spoke about how well the youth program is doing with the increased participation.
- VII. Administrative Reports
  - a. Director Report – Anna Sanchez
    - a. Anna spoke about being interviewed by KRQE about working towards becoming an age-friendly community.
    - b. Anna is working with the Mayor's office on rolling out priority objectives such as AARP World Health Organization, 8 domains of livability and will ask that the council members service on committees to gather information, get community engagement towards possibly becoming age-friendly.
    - c. Anna gave an update about the employee retreat and thanked Onastine and Allison for attending. The department participated in life saving training and she also thanked the leadership for working hard and putting things together. During the retreat the employees participated in a mission statement rework activity and the department will possibly have a new mission.

- d. Anna spoke about locations of the AAA public forums with the final one being at Los Griegos and reminded everyone that there is a discussion forum taking place at Los Volcanes on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. She also stated that she will be traveling to Roswell to attend the Aging Secretary's advocacy meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Associate Director Report – Anthony Romero
  - a. Anthony reports that the department plans to submit applications for 9 areas for the AAA RFP. We must apply every 4 years and is a cost reimbursed grant. This program holds us extremely accountable as we have to submit reports on a monthly basis and must balance and reconcile. He acknowledges Kyle for stepping up in the role of Acting Nutrition/Transportation Division Manager and helping to get this RFP done. He hopes to introduce the new DM at next meeting.
- c. Division Reports
  - a. Recreation – Nikki Peone
    - 1. Nikki provided a recap of what was tackled during the retreat which included policies and procedures, usage fees, programs and partnerships, and equipment and operations management. Further, she addressed continued issues with Rectrack.
  - b. Nutrition/Transportation – Kyle Martinez
    - 1. During the retreat Kyle met separately with drivers and kitchen aides and they talked about what is working and what doesn't. He asked his folks where they would like to see the department 5 years from now and overall, he received great feedback and thought it was a positive experience.
  - c. Social Services – Agnes Vallejos
    - 1. Agnes reports that during the retreat she did some team building exercises with her folks that allowed them to release some emotional stress. They did a senior sensitivity activity while playing cornhole and felt it really built on the team's cohesiveness. She also reports that they are working on getting things ready to submit for the RFP. Agnes also talks about how well the HEATS On project went and that they are looking for ways to boost partnerships with NM Gas Co.

### VIII. Council Member Reports

- a. Greg reported that all is well at North Domingo Baca and that it was nice to be able to come in the previous weekend and get his flu shot.
- b. Evan reported that all is well at Bear Canyon, it has been pretty quiet. He mentioned how well things went at the Alzheimer's walk and that it was great of Onastine to volunteer.
- c. Joie reported on how things are going with the policy advisory committee for AAA and that she has been traveling around the state advocating for program and is getting useful feedback from the public. She mentions that Roswell is the last of the public forums in the community and that they will work with the Navajo Nation. Right now, they are looking for ombudsman volunteers and are hoping to form strategic subcommittees to address some of the issues raised.
- d. Bobbi reported on how well the Fall Fiesta turned out at Los Volcanes despite the rain. She also reported that attendance seems to have dropped a bit due to the construction but is hoping to see a turnaround now that it is done.

- e. Onastine reported that she attended the employee retreat and took the life saving training that the City is offering while in attendance. She reports that she did volunteer at the Alzheimer's walk and is hoping for more City presence next year.
  - f. Diann asks where she can redirect her efforts and be most helpful in serving on this committee. She would like to channel her energy into something where she can use her expertise and skills. Anna mentions that she
  - g. Allison Weber also attended the retreat and sat in on Recreation's session. She found that employees seemed appreciative of being able to voice their thoughts and it showed in the ideas they came up with.
  - h. Lucy reported that people seem to be friendlier and kinder and feels that may be in part to the code of conduct.
  - i. Steve reported that the UNM Retiree Association is hosting a UNM Successful Aging Grand Challenge where they are looking at ways to engage the elderly and recommend for groups to come up with ideas for a new hobby or profession. He will send Jenifer the flyer for distribution to all members.
- IX. Advisory Council Business – Anna concluded with ways we can engage advisory council members at the meal sites and is asking that council members be the eyes and ears at those locations as well. She provided members with a copy of meal site locations and contact information for those that are interested.
- X. Old/New Business
- XI. Announcements: Upcoming Events, Etc.
- a. Handout with upcoming events was provided.
- XII. Adjournment
- a. Meeting was adjourned at 1:23 pm.