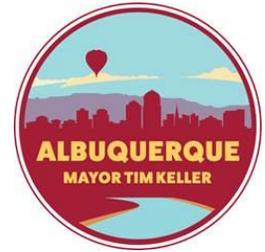


City of Albuquerque

Department of Senior Affairs Advisory Council

714 Seventh Street SW
Albuquerque, NM 87102



Anna M. Sanchez, Director

DSA Advisory Council Meeting
Los Duranes Community Center
January 27, 2020

Minutes

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Evan Thompson – 12:07 pm
 - a. Present: Evan Thompson, Bobbi Carmona-Young, Diann Huddleson, Onastine Jaramillo, C. Hugh Formhals, Steve Borbas, Joie Glenn, Greg Lopez, and Allison Weber
 - b. Absent: Richard Garcia; Debby Knotts, Lucy Lopez
- II. Motions
 - a. Onastine motions for Evan to serve as Acting Chair, Allison seconds, Evan accepts.
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Evan motions, Steve and Greg second, October Minutes approved.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Evan motions, Diann and Steve second, January Agenda approved.
- V. Public Participation
 - a. No members of the public were present.
- VI. Administrative Reports
 - a. Director Report – Anna Sanchez
 - a. Anna announced new Associate Director, Deby Brinkley has started with the department and Anthony Romero has been promoted to Deputy Director. In her role Deb will, among other things, work to enhance community partnerships and conduct facility reviews.
 - b. Anna reported that the department is working on a Centenarian plan in which the Mayor will recognize those seniors that have reached the 100 year+ milestone.
 - c. Anna spoke about the legislative toolkit that Kinsey put together and asked the council to reach out to folks to advocate on behalf of Senior Affairs. The packet includes what projects were submitted for funding and the dollar amount, a one sheet with information that highlights services offered by Senior Affairs, an outreach guide, and a listing of Legislative contacts.
 1. Joie commented that the Governor is asking for support with the \$25 million-dollar Kiki Saavedra Dignitary Fund which will help fund additional services for seniors.
 - b. Associate Director Report – Anthony Romero
 - a. Anthony gave an update on the Age-Friendly initiative that they have met with every department in the City to get them on board and to take an inventory of partnerships. The target is to get the request submitted by June of this year, and establish long-term initiatives to meet each domain of livability. He also announced

that the Department is partnering with Andrew West who specializes in health and wellness. Among other things, Andrew will analyze survey results and lead group meetings and mixers; the established core group will be the decision-makers.

- b. Additionally, the Mayor submitted a request to AARP to further demonstrate the One Albuquerque motto. We will be working hard to fill all vacancies within DSA and to cover turn around to reach our goal. He is asking council members for their help with constituent concerns, for example, the Solar Villa apartments. Division Managers can reach out to them to hear their concerns and council members could help brainstorm ideas to problem-solve.
- c. Division Reports
 - a. Recreation – Nikki Peone

Nikki announces Natasha Montoya as the new Center Manager at Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center. She brings her knowledge and experience from being the Center Manager at Palo Duro and is ready to jump in and meet with folks. Her start date will be February 1st. Nikki also hopes to announce the new Center Manager of Barelvas by mid-February. She has been working with a core group to solve some of the issues with the RecTrack system. Lastly, she is hoping to roll out the Community Partner Review program in the next couple of weeks and will reach out to folks who signed up to be a part of that subcommittee.
 - b. Nutrition/Transportation – Timothy Martinez

Tim reported that he has been working to fill the vacancies in his division. He just recently filled a position with someone in house, so will now have to post that position. He is working on finalizing the M14 supervisor position to get that ready to advertise. Lastly, he has been working with the vendor to iron out the phone system upgrade to improve the scheduling process for transportation. That should be completed in February.
 - c. Social Services – Agnes Vallejos

Agnes reported that she is also working to fill the vacancies in her division. The Information and Assistance Program Supervisor position was recently filled by Cecelia Salazar who previously held a similar role. Cecelia is working to getting things back on track in I&A. Agnes reported that the firewood initiative was a success; they were able to serve 160 people and delivered 170,000 lbs. of fuel. They received a huge response so the group is working on a plan to make it more sustainable in preparation for next year. Lastly, her group has been working on ramping up recruiting for the volunteer programs. Foster Grandparent has seen an influx in male volunteers, which is a plus.

VII. Council Member Reports

- a. Bobbi reported that the construction at Los Volcanes seems to be never-ending. They are working on new lighting in the parking lot. Rooms 2 and 4 are closed as they are installing new cabinets. The center is now fully staffed, they received a new van, and have placed a suggestion box at the front desk. Maria has a meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of every month to address issues. 20 seniors have signed up to lobby in Santa Fe for Senior Day. Lastly, they have installed 5 new computers which will help out during tax season, as well as offering training programs in the computer lab.

- b. Onastine attended a fishing club meeting and wanted to thank the Department for the programming. The club took trips 47 weeks out of the year and is a popular program. She also announced that the Senior Spirit Club will be performing at the halftime show at the NM Runners Indoor Soccer Arena. Lastly, she wanted to bring up funding for the Alzheimer's Association for the unpaid care-givers at the Legislation during Senior Day, if others would like to do so as well.
- VIII. Advisory Council Business – Anna asks for nominations for committee Chair and Vice Chair for 2020. Steve nominates Evan to Chair and Onastine to Vice Chair, Allison seconds, all are in favor.
- IX. Old/New Business – no old/new business
- X. Announcements: Upcoming Events, Etc.
 - a. Anthony announced the different awards now coming in for the National Senior Games to include; Sports Destination Management: 2019 Mid-Market Champions: Event of the Year, Event Services Professional Association: Meeting Planner of the Year (Anthony Romero), NM Hall of Fame: Event of the Year, and NM Hospitality Association: Top Hat Event of the Year.
 - b. Handout with upcoming events through February 24th was provided.
- XI. Adjournment
 - a. Meeting was adjourned at 1:04pm.