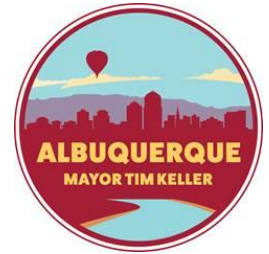


City of Albuquerque

Department of Senior Affairs Advisory Council

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Anna M. Sanchez, Director

DSA Advisory Council Meeting
Barelas Senior Center
November 18, 2019

Minutes

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Evan Thompson – 12:06 pm
 - a. Present: Evan Thompson, Bobbi Carmona-Young, Diann Huddleson, Onastine Jaramillo, Lucy Lopez, Richard Garcia, C. Hugh Formhals, Steve Borbas, and Allison Weber
 - b. Absent: Joie Glenn; Debby Knotts, Greg Lopez
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Evan motions, Allison and Diann second, September Minutes approved.
- III. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Evan motions, Steve and Allison second, October Agenda approved.
- IV. Motions
 - a. Onastine motions for Evan to serve as Acting Chair, Allison seconds, Evan accepts.
- V. Public Participation
 - a. Members of the public in attendance were Anisa Mathson and Mary Darling. No comments were given.
- VI. DSA Report: Patty Lucero, Barelas Senior Center Manager
 - a. Patty announced her retirement after 25 years of service. She is sad to leave, but excited at what this next chapter in her life will bring. Patty also explains that a recommendation for hire has been submitted for a Program Coordinator for Barelas Senior Center.
- VII. Introduction of New Employees
 - a. Anthony introduced Natalee Davila as the departments Program Data Analyst II. This is a critical position to the department as she will update the monthly reports that are submitted to AAA for cost reimbursement. Natalee talked about completing her first monthly report and is excited to jump right in to the position.
 - b. Anthony introduced Timothy Martinez as the Division Manager for Nutrition and Transportation. Tim transferred over from the Parks and Recreation Department and the DSA team is now complete with three Division Managers in place.
- VIII. Administrative Reports
 - a. Director Report – Anna Sanchez
 - a. Anna announced that AAA will be advocating for more funding for senior programs in Santa Fe during the Legislative Finance Committee meeting and encourages council members to attend if they are available to do so.
 - b. Anna reported that the department just held a meeting with all DSA managers to communicate updates and issues. These meetings will be held quarterly with the

intent to strengthen communication throughout the department and build up stability and support.

b. Associate Director Report – Anthony Romero

a. Anthony reported that we successfully submitted responses to the Area Agency on Aging RFP for nine service categories. He will give the council members a status update as soon as he hears anything, hopefully by mid-December.

b. Anthony reported that the age-friendly designation has been fast-tracked and briefly goes over the 8 domains of livability which has been modeled after Florida's Elderly Affairs department. One example of being age-friendly is to extend crosswalk times. Onastine asks what is the silver lining; what will it do for us? Anthony responds that the benefits come in the journey with collaborations, building bridges, and opening communication all around. The department has the support from the Mayor and is working to create an action plan moving forward.

c. Division Reports

a. Social Services – Agnes Vallejos

Agnes gave a report on Senior Corp and talked about the Foster Grandparents and Senior Companion Program volunteers and reported that they just hired a

b. Recreation – Nikki Peone

Nikki talked about the retirements of Ed Nunez and Patty Lucero and stated that she has a lot of hiring to do and that this has given her the opportunity to get more acquainted with the facilities. She mentioned that Palo Duro Fitness Center has been given a deadline of June 2021 to expand its fitness center. Lastly, she has been meeting with constituents to hear their concerns and compliments and is gathering information in conjunction with the retreat.

c. Nutrition/Transportation – Timothy Martinez

Timothy reported that he visited a senior living facility Rio Vista, a location in which they are hoping to add a meal site. He is looking over the agreement and it will be located at 700 Juan Tabo NE near Lomas. He also reported that they will be holding interviews the following day to fill a Kitchen Aide vacancy at CASA.

IX. Council Member Reports

a. Hugh reported that the North Valley Senior Center needs more security cameras inside the building; there was an argument/altercation at the front desk that was not captured. They are also asking for an update on the air wall that is supposed to be installed. Lastly, he has heard concerns as to why they are only being provided plastic cutlery and not the stainless steel. They are being told it is because people are stealing them or throwing them away, but it is hard to eat with the plastic utensils.

b. Evan reported that there have been some issues at Bear Canyon regarding the thermostat; ping pong group complains it's too hot while bingo players say it's too cold so they have had to come to a compromise on what to set the thermostat at. He also mentions that they have added a suggestion box at Bear Canyon with his picture on it and recommends that we do this at all Center locations with all Advisory Council members listed.

c. Bobbi reported that they are working on the floors in rooms 4 & 10 at Los Volcanes and are getting new cabinets. It seems the lunch count is rising, and the center will be hosting Thanksgiving lunch for \$4 a person. Lastly, there will be a water color class this month and

a floral arrangement class starting. Anna adds that they are working on a price point to get new furniture for the pool hall.

- d. Onastine commented that she is sad that Julio and Patty are leaving Barelás. She has 3 clients from the Senior Companion Program and she spends about 4 hours with each; helping with things like shopping or placing pills in their pill box. She reported that Meals on Wheels waitlist is currently suspended and suggests that perhaps DSA can collaborate with them so they can handle 60 and under and DSA can handle 60 and over for home delivered meals. Lastly, she stated that she is looking forward to the Thanksgiving lunch at Los Volcanes and plans to attend with her family.
- e. Diann asked if we have considered conducting a survey with members as another way to hear their concerns. She likes the idea of a suggestion box, Anna responds that the last one was conducted in 2015.
- f. Allison is pleased to hear about the Rio Vista meal site and she is always looking for accessible units. She also stated she plans to visit the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center more often. Lastly, she talks about the Convoy of Hope organization and recommends to see some services they offer such as cancer screening and groceries.
- g. Lucy suggests that when attending a birthday celebration that you ask for a piece for the person sitting next to you even when they say no, because they will eat it.
- h. Steve has been reading up on some new ideas regarding what the new aging population is like, for example, what are their hobbies, what habits do they do differently, and this new population is more active. He also reported that Highland Senior Center is having issues with people breaking in to vehicles and they are looking into getting more lighting for the parking lot and maybe security gates around the parking lot. Hugh asked if all Centers are having problems with people sleeping in the doorways and now homeless people are congregating in the back at North Valley. Nikki comments that it seems to come in seasonal waves and she is exploring ways to combat it.
- i. Richard reported that he normally attends Whispering Pines in Tijeras and that he has missed the past couple of meetings due to traveling.

X. Advisory Council Business – Anna discusses the proposed changes she would like to make to the roles and responsibilities of council members in which they can self-select smaller committees or roles they could be involved in. She is working with the Division Managers to flesh out the descriptions which may include; advocacy, engagement, or special projects. More information to come.

XI. Old/New Business – no old/new business

XII. Announcements: Upcoming Events, Etc.

- a. Handout with upcoming events through the end of the year was provided.

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 1:26pm.