

***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 Volcanes Senior Center  
January 28, 2019

**Minutes**

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Evan Thompson – 12:07 pm
  - a. Present: C. Hugh Formhals, Greg Lopez, Evan Thompson, Barbara Carmona-Young, Onastine Jaramillo, Diann Huddleson and Joie Glenn
- II. Temporary Chair Appointment
  - a. Evan Thompson was elected to serve as temporary Chair for the January 28, 2019 meeting
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Minutes for November 2018 approved.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda
  - a. January Agenda was approved.
- V. Public Participation
  - a. Ramon Saiz, a volunteer at the Los Volcanes Senior Center, expressed his concern regarding the lack of enforcement of rules at the center. He said there is a group of around nine (9) members who use foul language and that it has been going on for years. His other concerns include food and drink in the computer room, members with poor hygiene, and slow ticket processing time at lunch.
  - b. Lucy Lopez attending the meeting and said she is interested in serving on the Advisory Council.
  - c. Robin Ben Israel is concerned that food items on the menu are not being served properly. She said the menu said they were going to serve Spaghetti with Marinara sauce but the sauce contained meat. She would like to see vegetarian meals served once a week. Robin asked if gifts that are given out at volunteer recognition ceremonies can be gifts that are more functional.
  - d. Thomas Rensher is concerned about the setting up and selling of cards at Los Volcanes on Fridays. He said people are setting up during times when members are eating. They often rush the members eating to leave.
  - e. Richard Garcia is a volunteer for the city and the state. He is interested in representing the Village of Tijeras on the Advisory Council. He would like to improve services at Tijeras.

- f. Valentina Moore said she would like to see vegetarian options on the lunch menu. She said the previous cook at Los Volcanes used to offer options such as yogurt and salad to members.
- VI. DSA Report: Anthony Romero and Hazel Tull-Leach, National Senior Games
- a. Anthony and Hazel presented a PowerPoint slide show regarding the National Senior Games.
- VII. Administrative Reports
- a. Director Report – Anna M. Sanchez
    - a. Senior Day at the Legislature is February 22, 2019 and we will be getting information to Advisory Council members for the trip to Santa Fe.
    - b. The new Social Services Division Manager will be starting soon and Anna wanted to thank Marvinna Chavez for filling the role.
  - b. Division Reports
    - a. Nutrition/Transportation – Danny Holcomb
      - 1. Solar panels will be installed at CASA soon. They are working on filling the vacant positions. They will be getting the grocery bid out in the next few months. There will be a AAA review in March and a CDBG review in February.
    - b. Recreation – Danny Holcomb
      - 1. There are lots of construction projects happening: new gym at North Domingo Baca, bathroom and gym at Manzano Mesa, fire suppression system at Los Volcanes, cabinets at Los Volcanes and Highland, and solar panels at North Domingo Baca and Barelvas. The accreditation process is moving along well.
    - c. Social Services – Marvinna Chavez
      - 1. Care Coordination is now fully staffed. They are able to respond in 2-3 days, sometimes on the same day. Home Services will be starting the CDBG Retrofit. They are almost fully staffed and will be starting home visits to assess needs. They will also be starting to do bath modifications. I&A is starting their high season for outreach. RSVP, SCP, and FGP had their MLK Day of Service. They have over 50 volunteers who made 500 emergency kits for homebound seniors.
- VIII. Council Member Reports
- a. Greg Lopez reports members would like to know if more than one vehicle can be used to take seniors on field trips.
  - b. Debby Knotts did not attend meeting.
  - c. C. Hugh Formhals reports there are no problems at North Valley. They are getting ready for their Super Bowl event. They will be hosting the City’s job fair in March.
  - d. Evan Thompson reports he is still involved with the accreditation process at Bear Canyon. He has recommend Bear Canyon put out a formal suggestion box. He also said members want more table tennis.
  - e. Joie Glenn has not had the opportunity to visit a center yet. She has been lobbying in Santa Fe.
  - f. Bobbi Carmona-Young reports that she has been approached by members of the Los Volcanes Senior Center regarding concerns about the computer room not being fully

utilized. She said members would like to have formal computer classes offered at the center.

- g. Onastine Jaramillo has had the opportunity to visit three (3) centers. She said members at Manzano Mesa wanted to know where donation fees collected for classes go and that some senior members do not like sharing the gym with the children. She spoke with members of the fishing group at North Valley and reports they would like some consistency with the van usage for trips, especially when a trip has to be rescheduled due to weather. She suggested that center staff be encouraged to connect members to proper resources and that the employees for the National Senior Games should provide visitors for the games information on Airbnb and driving tips in Albuquerque.
- h. Diann Huddleson has not had the opportunity to visit a center because she has been receiving her certification to taxes at the senior centers.
- i. Allison Weber did not attend the meeting.

IX. Advisory Council Business

- a. Election Discussion
  - a. Possible postponement of elections until June 2019.

X. Old/New Business – No Old/New Business

XI. Announcements: Upcoming Events, Etc.

- a. Handout with upcoming events was provided.

XII. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm.

**Next Meeting will be March 18, 2019 – Highland Senior Center  
131 Monroe NE**