

City of Albuquerque
Department of Senior Affairs Advisory Council

714 Seventh Street SW
Albuquerque, NM 87102



Anna M. Sanchez, Director

DSA Advisory Council Meeting
Bear Canyon Senior Center
February 25, 2019

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Minutes

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Debby Knotts – 12:06 pm
 - a. Present: Debby Knotts, C. Hugh Formhals, Greg Lopez, Evan Thompson, Barbara Carmona-Young, Diann Huddleson and Joie Glenn
 - b. Absent: Onastine Jaramillo, Allison Weber
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes for January 2019 approved.
- III. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. February Agenda was approved.
- IV. Public Participation
 - a. Michael Lawler attended the meeting. He expressed concerns about two unpleasant experiences he had when trying to get breakfast at two different centers. He said he was told at two locations that he had to be a member to eat breakfast, and he even got in an argument with one of the center managers. He also said that at two other locations he was not told that he had to be a member, and in fact that no one would be denied the opportunity for breakfast.
 - b. Richard Garcia is a volunteer for the city and the state and is awaiting official appointment to the DSA Advisory Council from the Village of Tijeras. He discussed transportation concerns for members who attend the center. He would like to see a change in the rule for the number of miles a member must live away from the center to qualify for a ride from DSA Transportation.
- V. DSA Report: Heath Barkley, Senior Companion Program
 - a. Heath provided information on the Senior Companion Program
- VI. Administrative Reports
 - a. Director Report – Anna M. Sanchez
 - a. She will continue to have educational proponents for meetings.
 - b. She thanked all the members who were able to be in Santa Fe for Senior Day at the Legislature. It was a very productive day.
 - c. Agnes Vallejos is the new Social Services Division Manager for the Department of Senior Affairs.

- d. We are currently advertising for the vacant Recreation Division Manager position.
- e. The new Facility Usage Ordinance raised a lot of questions from constituents. It will be out formally on March 1, 2019.
- f. Working on a partnership with UNM and the Center on Aging.
- b. Division Reports
 - a. Nutrition/Transportation and Recreation – Danny Holcomb
 - 1. There is a lot of construction going on at centers. He was very thankful to all the staff that showed up to work on the snow day. He announced that he will be leaving the City of Albuquerque on March 15, 2019.
 - b. Social Services – Agnes Vallejos
 - 1. She participated in the AAA Audit her second week with DSA and the RSVP pinning ceremony. She has met with all of her staff. She reports FGP has served 207 children with 83 volunteers to date. RSVP had their MLK day of service and made emergency kits that are being delivered. I&A is fully staffed and they are seeing more calls coming in. Case Management is fully staffed and Bernadette is doing a great job. She is still learning about the Home Services Section.

VII. Council Member Reports

- a. Greg Lopez reports North Domingo Baca is still working on accreditation and the first notebook has been approved. He inquired about where information is located informing members when the centers are closed.
- b. Debby Knotts is actively trying to recruit her replacement on the advisory council. She inquired about when elections will take place for the advisory council chair position and thinks it will be a good idea to have rotating chair persons until the elections occur.
- c. C. Hugh Formhals reports he met with Sandra and they are still having plumbing issues with the senior care center that creates an odor in the area. Karaoke is very popular at the center. The Meet the Staff sign is completed and is being displayed. He would like to know if the center can create a Meet the Volunteers sign. The swearing in ceremony for Congresswoman Deb Haaland was a big event and everyone had a nice time. 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. Replacement of the doors in the social hall began today. He suggested head shots of advisory council members be posted at all centers.
- e. Joie Glenn is still actively lobbying in Santa Fe. She said the new Cabinet Secretary is very supportive.
- f. Bobbi Carmona-Young met with Maria and Arsenio for a follow up meeting regarding concerns members had from the last meeting. She reports someone will be teaching a free computer class which will start at the end of March. Patrick Turrieta will also be teaching a class for a fee. The bio board was put up on Friday and would like to know if staff can add photos. Concerns placed in the suggestion box will be covered in the newsletters. There will now be a monthly coffee for new members that will start in April. She would like for staff to consider training volunteers to give tours of the center to new members. Maria will have an open door meeting for members the last Wednesday of each month from 10 to 11 am. Arsenio is planning several

intergenerational events with the students from West Mesa High School. She also would like to know if articles from members and volunteers can be placed in the newsletters. She will also be meeting with Maria one week before each advisory council meeting.

- g. Onastine Jaramillo did not attend the meeting.
- h. Diann Huddleson has been at Highland Senior Center weekly since tax season started. She often sits in the social hall during her lunch and talks with members. She reports they love the center and members wish they had a gym. The Valentines lunch and karaoke was a very nice event.
- i. Allison Weber did not attend the meeting.

VIII. Advisory Council Business – no advisory council business

IX. Old/New Business

- a. Evan Thompson agreed to be the temporary chairperson for the March meeting.

X. Announcements: Upcoming Events, Etc.

- a. Handout with upcoming events was provided.

XI. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 1:46 pm.

**Next Meeting will be April 15, 2019 – Palo Duro Senior Center
5221 Palo Duro NE**

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