

# City of Albuquerque

## Department of Senior Affairs

### Advisory Council



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DSA Advisory Council Meeting  
May 15, 2023

## Minutes

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Chair Evan Thompson at 12:05 PM
  - a. Present:
    - i. Advisory Council Members: Evan Thompson, Steve Borbas, Henry Shonerd, Ray Taylor, Havens Levitt, Martha Medina, Shiela Hundley, Louis Carlentine and Dubra Karnes-Padilla (via Zoom)
    - ii. DSA Staff Members: Anna Sanchez, Chris Sanchez, Nikki Peone, Angel Montoya, Tim Martinez, Antoinette Sigala, Maria ReQua and Rashanna Adams
  - b. Not Present: Teresa Haering and Lucy Contreras
- II. Approval of Minutes & Agenda
  - a. Evan motions to approve minutes, Henry seconds. April minutes were approved.
  - b. Evan motions to approve agenda, Steve seconds. The May agenda is approved.
- III. Public Participation- none
- IV. Introductions of New Staff – Rashanna Adams, Outreach Coordinator

Ms. Adams introduced herself to the Advisory Council members and is excited to serve and help enhance our department with new partnerships.
- V. Center Manager Report – Antoinette Sigala, Palo Duro Senior Center
  - a. Ms. Sigala provided a copy of the Palo Duro Senior Center newsletter.
  - b. Palo Duro is currently one of four centers under review for accreditation by the National Council on Aging.
  - c. Palo Duro also was recognized in the Fall by Albuquerque the Magazine as “Best of 5 for Adult Education Classes” and also was honored as “Volunteer Station of the Year” by the RSVP Program.
  - d. She has new staff coming on board – including a Program Coordinator and additional administrative staff.

- e. The Center recently received a new 15 passenger van, as well as technology of a new projector installed.
- f. Upcoming is a TownHall to solicit ideas from the public to make a list of capital improvements.

I. Area Agency on Aging Presentation – Michelle Briscoe, Manager and Brian Alvarado, Sr. Planner

The AAA's facilitates federal funding that comes from the NM Aging and Long-Term Services Department that is focused on keeping older adults healthy and independent. Senior Affairs assists in gather data by helping plan public input that goes into the Area Plan. That plan will expire in 2023.

VI. DSA Administrative Updates

- a. Tim Martinez, Nutrition & Transportation Division Manager
  - i. DSA has received notification from the State that we will be awarded another NM Grown Grant award.
  - ii. The Division continues to work on their workplans as tied to the DSA Strategic Plan, one of which is to reduce the wait times on our transportation services.
- b. Maria ReQua, Social Services Division Manager
  - i. The Case Management program has been working on providing training support to their staff.
  - ii. Recently hired a new supervisor over the Information and Assistance program.
- c. Angel Montoya, Recreation Division Manager
  - i. The Centers have had a variety of activities, which have coincided with Older Americans Month. These activities included kids at Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center singing to members, special recognition of a senior at North Domingo Baca for her previous service, the Senior I Know Contest and, in a few weeks, the National Senior Health and Fitness Day annual event.
  - ii. The Sports and Fitness program will hold a pickleball competition at over the weekend with 186 individuals signed up.
  - iii. The Recreation Division is also conducting trips to the National Cemetery once a month in coordination with the Railrunner.
  - iv. For the last month, DSA has had 500 new members join and 400 renewals.
  - v. Lastly, the Recreation Division began taking registrants for the summer youth program.
- d. Nikki Peone, Associate Director
  - i. The Quarterly Safety Committee recently met with key staff to check out the buildings, report on incidents and recraft and relaunch the committee.
  - ii. She has launched a new tool, a Facility Inspection and Safety Checklist to help plan when assessments sent out. This will be a

great opportunity to have a collective review from staff at the centers.

- e. Anna Sanchez, Director
  - i. Anna provided an update on the budget and Strategic Plan. She announced that a new Executive Assistant will start on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  
- VII. Advisory Council Business
  - a. Henry spoke about a service learning opportunity for young people aged 16/18 years old. Maria mentioned that we are involved and they will be helping with Home Services.
  
- VIII. Council Member Reports
  
- IX. Adjournment
  - a. Evan motioned to adjourn the meeting, Steve seconds.
  - b. Meeting Adjourned at 1:27 pm.