

# City of Albuquerque Department of Senior Affairs Advisory Council



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DSA Advisory Council Meeting  
July 25, 2022

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## Minutes

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Chair Evan Thompson – 12:11 pm
  - a. Present: Evan Thompson; Lucy Lopez; Dubra Karnes-Padilla; Henry Shonerd; Teresa Haering; Sheila Hundley; Martha Medina; Raymond Taylor; Steve Borbas; Louis Carlentine; and Havens Levitt
  - b. Absent: None
- II. Approval of Minutes and Agenda
  - a. Evan motions for approval of minutes, Henry and Martha second. June minutes are approved.
  - b. Evan motions for approval of agenda, Steve and Ray second. The July agenda is approved.
- III. Public Participation
  - a. Katherine and Gail from “friends of Bear Canyon” club joined the meeting to observe, no public comment requested.
- IV. Communication Update – Denise Parras, Marketing/Communications Coordinator
  - a. Denise reported on the return of the bi-annual activities catalog, with the senior centers fully reopening and activities and programming regaining pre-covid momentum, it was a good opportunity to bring the catalog back. It will be out on August 7 in the Sunday Journal as well as available at all the centers. Folks are still encouraged to visit the website for the most up-to-date information and for special event information.
  - b. Denise reported that they are still holding the free COVID vaccine clinics through the end of December. All 3 brands will be available, no insurance is required, and it is available to all ages. Lastly, Denise mentioned that the youth programs will be holding their end of summer talent show on July 29 at 10:00 am at NDB.
- V. Center Manager Report – Tyler Dunn, Bear Canyon Center Manager
  - a. Tyler introduced himself as the Center Manager at Bear Canyon Senior Center for the past 4 years and he has been with the department for 14 years total. He reported that he had new staff begin on June 30 and he is now fully staffed. They have been working on facility upgrades such as the awning at the entrance of the building and working on upgrading the kitchen which should be done by early spring 2023. All lighting has been updated and is energy efficient. Tyler reported that attendance has been up for both breakfast and lunch and their activities are programming are in full swing. Ya-vette has been working on planning trips and

they are up to 4 so far this year, they have been fortunate to have the help from the friend group as far and funding and volunteerism goes.

VI. Administrative Reports

- a. Nutrition/Transportation Division Manager – Tim Martinez
  - a. Tim reported that they have received the purchase order for the FY23 NM Grown grant and are working on reissuing the request for quotes to local farmers for fresh, seasonal fruit and vegetables and this year, they are allowing the purchase of meat from local ranchers. Lastly, Tim reported that Cristina Romero-Baca, the Meal Site Program Supervisor has accepted another position and will be leaving the division, they are sad to see her go, but are happy for her next endeavor and will be working to get the position filled.
- b. Social Services Division Manager – Maria Requa
  - a. Maria reported that they are working hard to fill the Information and Assistance call center positions. With 4 vacancies, they have listed a continuous posting to get the filled. They also play a crucial role in outreach for the division. Maria reported that they are hoping to have the Case Manager Program Supervisor position filled soon and they currently recruiting a Case Manager position to help out with home bound clients. Lastly Maria reported that the Home Services crew has been hard at work building ramp and completing yard work requests. They are working to prioritize folks that have larger yards that prove to have tripping hazards or need that extra support.
- c. Recreation Division – Chris Sanchez, Deputy Director
  - a. Chris reported that four of the senior centers; North Valley, Palo Duro, Los Volcanes, and Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center are all working on accreditation. They are working on creating and filling new positions and have put together a request for community partnerships to identify areas that impact the programs and services we offer, and how we can partner with community organizations to offer varied programs.
- d. Associate Director – Nikki Peone
  - a. Nikki reported that they have partnered with Blue Cross Blue Shield of NM to hold a “Care Van’ health screening events at some of the centers. There will be health screenings, snacks, refreshments, giveaways, and Medicare 101 inside the center. The events are expected to last from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, more information to come.
- e. Strategic Program Manager – Agnes Vallejos
  - a. Agnes reported that they are working with a strategic planning group (SIS) in which they have worked to identify a group of DSA employees that the group will interview and talk with to identify and gather information that will help increase relevance and will help with data-driven decision-making to help build DSA’s strategy. This process will identify the internal capacity and will show gaps in service. We can find ways to get additional funding and find innovative ways to advocate for seniors. The goal of this plan is to take the age friendly initiative and strategic plan to meet the needs of every age of community members.
- f. Director – Anna Sanchez

- a. Anna added on that they would share the results of the work from the SIS group with the council members. They are also working on engaging the employees in this work and creating a forward-facing document that will live on after this administration.
- b. Anna reported that they are working on gearing up for the fall season with events such as another Ageless Artisan Fair or Technology Fair. Soon Council will be back in session to discuss financials and they are working on CIP proposal for land use and expanding their reach.

VII. Council Member Reports

- a. None at this time.

VIII. Advisory Council Business

- a. None at this time.

IX. Announcements: Upcoming Events, Etc.

- a. None at this time.

- X. Adjournment – Evan motioned to adjourn the meeting, Henry and Steve second. Meeting adjourned at 1:41 pm.

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