



# *City of Albuquerque*

## *Department of Senior Affairs Advisory Council*

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Albuquerque, NM 87102

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Richard J. Berry, Mayor

DSA Advisory Council Meeting  
Los Volcanes Senior Center  
May 18, 2015

### **Minutes**

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Debby Knotts – 12:07 pm
  - a. Present: Debby Knotts, Mabel Padilla, Marianne Chiffelle, Susan White, Greg Lopez, John Romisher
  - b. April 2015 Minutes were approved.
  - c. May Agenda was approved.
- II. Center Manager: Introduction & Comments
  - a. Maria Aguero is the manager for the Los Volcanes Senior Center. Maria has been with the City of Albuquerque for 20 years and she started at the Highland Senior Center. They are working on renovating the restrooms and they have obtained quotes for a new bingo machine. The Veteran's Wall dedication was a great success. Roger Newall and Antoinette Sigala did a great job. The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Los Volcanes Day will be June 19, 2015 from 8 am to 4 pm.
- III. Public Participation
  - a. Connie Gilman, Boards and Commissions Liaison for Bernalillo County attended the meeting.
- IV. Administrative Reports
  - a. Director Report
    - a. Karen Lopez, Fiscal Manager, reported the State is still reviewing for FY/15 requests. FY/14 requests have been approved.
    - b. Anthony Romero, Associate Director, said the 2030 Dialogue on the Future is moving along. A meeting was held with the Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce and they are interested in possibly hosting a town hall meeting. DSA would also like to have an intergenerational town hall meeting.
  - b. Division Reports
    - a. Recreation – Rhonda Methvin
      1. Rhonda introduced Brian Alvarado, the new center manager for the Highland Senior Center. He has about 12 years with the City of Albuquerque. He started at the 311 call center, moved to the Mayor's office where he was Director of Constituent Services, then went to work for the AAA with Family and Community Services. The westside feasibility study had its first public meeting last week and will be having its second

meeting tomorrow at Paradise Hills. The work on the roof at Manzano Mesa started today. The Senior Talent Show will be Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 1:30 pm at the African American Pavilion.

- b. Social Services – Joy Klotz
  - 1. The RSVP breakfast will be Friday, May 22, 2015 at Hotel Albuquerque. On May 29, 2015 FGP will be having a lunch to celebrate 50 years of the Foster Grandparent Program. SCP will be having their pinning ceremony on June 16, 2015. Home Services did volunteer work on a senior's house this past weekend. I&A is training a new employee.
- c. Nutrition/Transportation – Danny Holcomb
  - 1. Request for hires have been submitted to fill vacant driver positions and a meal site coordinator position. We will be interviewing for a vacant Kitchen Aide position. The Meal Site Summer Picnic is May 29, 2015 at Holy Family Picnic area.
- d. Fiscal – Karen Lopez
  - 1. Working on 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter projections. We are in the design phase for the restrooms at Los Volcanes. The final markup of the FY/16 Budget will be May 27, 2015.

#### V. Council Business

##### a. Council Member Reports

- a. Marianne Chiffelle said there are no complaints from Manzano Mesa because work has begun on the roofing problem.
- b. Greg Lopez said there are no issues at North Domingo Baca. He said Berlinda is excited about the new hires she will soon be getting. For Mother's Day, the center gave out carnations. The Cinco de Mayo event was successful. There is a trip to Chaco Canyon scheduled for next month. There will be a Father's Day Jazz Concert and they are anticipating having 120 kids for their summer program.
- c. Debby Knotts was unable to attend the last special luncheon at Highland, but hopes to be able to attend the Carnival Luncheon. She said there is a 50+ group that has lecture series and they will be having activities at Highland and Bear Canyon Senior Center. Center members will not have to have membership to the group to be able to participate.
- d. Susan White said people who attend the Pajarito Meal Site are unhappy that it will be closing down. They feel another site should be closed and those members could attend Pajarito. Members are excited about the upcoming summer picnic.
- e. Mabel Padilla says members are excited about the RSVP breakfast. She said Bear Canyon continues to have lots of trips scheduled including upcoming trips to the museum, a Trip with Ron – Ride and Glide, and a trip to see Spamalot.
- f. John Romisher continues to work on his list of priorities for Los Volcanes and continues to meet with Maria. He said there are 5 leaks at the center, the restrooms need to be ADA compliant, and there is not a button to automatically open the doors from the fitness center to the center for disabled persons. He

continues to learn everything he can about the center and he is still waiting on the floor plan for the center from Rhonda.

b. Advisory Council Business

a. Coat Drive

1. Anthony Romero has spoken with Lucy from Amber Care and she will attend the June meeting. It was discussed if the Advisory Council should attempt to partner with KOAT. It was also discussed that in order to be successful with a coat drive we need a storage room, transportation to get the coats cleaned, mirrors, coat racks, and a cleaning company to clean the coats.

b. Participating In and Supporting Events

1. Council members should try to support non-city sponsored events i.e. the Children's Freedom Festival arranged by Marianne.

c. Old/New Business

a. Suggestions for future agenda items

1. Meeting with Lucy from Amber Care to discuss the Coat Drive.

VI. Announcements

- a. The RSVP Breakfast will be Friday, May 22, 2015 at the Hotel Albuquerque. Please reserve your seat by tomorrow, May 19, 2015.

VII. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 1:29 pm.

**Next meeting will be June 15 2015 – Bear Canyon Senior Center  
4645 Pitt NE**