

City of Albuquerque

Department of Senior Affairs Advisory Council

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DSA Advisory Council Meeting
Palo Duro Senior Center
October 21, 2013

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Minutes

- I. Lunch
- II. Facility Program – Leeann Torres, Manager-Palo Duro
 - a. Palo Duro was the first senior center and was built in 1974. The center has been very busy with the closing of Bear Canyon. Palo Duro was a voting site in October. 966 people cast votes at the center and the seniors were liked having the voting site at the center. They will be a voting site again in November. There are always issues with parking at Palo Duro since they share the parking lot with the library and the pool. There have been some staff changes with two of the employees leaving the department after receiving promotions elsewhere in the City.
- III. Meeting Called to Order by Yumi Johnson
 - a. Present: Yumi Johnson, Marianne Chiffelle, Susan White, Debby Knotts, Tina King, Al Provencio, and Agnes Vallejos. Absent: Grant Slade and Felipe Gonzales
 - b. September Minutes were approved with some changes.
 - c. October Agenda was approved.
- IV. Public Participation – No Public Participation
- V. Council Business
 - a. Old Business
 - i. Business cards & name tags for Council members
 1. Cards and name tags will be ordered.
 - b. Council Members Reports
 - i. Marianne Chiffelle reports she visited Manzano Mesa a couple of times and the center manager was not present at any of her visits. She said the center is looking good, but still has some big repairs to complete.
 - ii. Yumi Johnson had nothing to report on Los Volcanes. She did report that she has been hired by the national Rebuilding Together to work on “Rebuild a Block” where a playground will be build and three homes remodeled. She is hoping to utilize RSVP volunteers on this project.
 - iii. Tina King reports they are working on hiring a new manager for Tijeras and they are working on By-Laws.
 - iv. Mabel Padilla reports she was visiting Manzano Mesa and speaking with members from Bear Canyon. She said the Bear Canyon members were wanting

to know when Bear Canyon would reopen, if there would be an arts & crafts fair, and if fees would increase.

- v. Al Provencio did not have anything to report on Palo Duro. He did express concern with the council's lack of knowledge on the DSA budget process. He referenced the bond package that was recently passed by the voters. He wanted to know if those funds were contingency funds or if DSA had specific projects. Karen explained to Al that DSA did have specific projects for those funds. Anthony suggested DSA do a presentation at the next meeting to better educate the council on the budget process as well as a council orientation. Al also voiced concern that the letter drafted to Councilor Arnold-Jones had not been sent out yet. Jorja told him it would be sent out after council members look at the final edited letter and vote.
- vi. Agnes Vallejos has reached out to Berlinda and had a great conversation with her. A falls prevention presentation was held at Whispering Pines, there will be a Halloween dance coming up, and the meal sites are working on an arts & crafts fair.
- vii. Susan White reports Barelax is in the process of looking for a new manager. She believes Barelax need a manager who is energetic and enthusiastic. She also wanted to compliment Home Services for the work they did on her neighbor's house. Rick and his crew did a marvelous job!
- viii. Debby Knotts reports the information on the website is old and needs to be updated. Debby wanted to know if the computer lab for Highland is a priority and if she should make an appointment to speak with Councilor Garduno. She will be working with Kathy to get more information on the senior arts projects funds from the foundation for Highland. She expressed she would like to have some plants where the rocks currently are in front of the center. She also said she has been working with the associate vice president of student affairs at UNM regarding the 2015 and 2016 Senior Olympics. She is hoping to get the support from the president of UNM.

c. Advisory Council Business

- i. What is the most important thing for DSA to be working on in the next 4 years?
 - 1. Al believes the department should work on a new center for the west side and getting a therapeutic pool.
 - 2. Yumi believes the department should be partnering with private entities and working on strategies for the budget since we have lost money and positions.
 - 3. Agnes believes the department should be asking this question to the next generation of seniors.
- ii. Committees
 - 1. Care Giver Conference will be November 2nd from 8 am to 4 pm. The council will help facilitate the table for DSA.
 - 2. Round House visit – a letter was sent to the Governor's office and we are waiting to hear back with a date the Governor can meet.
 - 3. By-Laws Report – Marianne gave the By-Laws to a parliamentarian to read. She said they were "ok", but needed a couple of changes. The

order needs to be changed, a parliamentarian needs to be added, and it needs to be “less wordy”. For the next meeting the order will be correct.

VI. Administrative Reports

a. Old Business

- i. There have not been any new training dates set for the Boards & Commissions Open Meeting Act. The council will be notified if any dates are set.

b. Director Report – Jorja Armijo-Brasher

- i. The City of Albuquerque has sent a letter to the New Mexico Senior Olympics board members expressing an interest in hosting the 2015 & 2016 Senior Olympic Games. Jorja thanked all the centers who were voting sites. Rooms had to be closed at the centers, but the seniors were very appreciative for the voting sites. Jorja will let council members know when a date has been provided to meet with the Governor. She had a conversation with a representative from the Barelas Community Center regarding a lapidary class. United Health Services is hosting a Masquerade Ball on October 29th. The dance is free for seniors to attend and tickets are available at all centers and meal sites. The APS Truancy Initiative needs more volunteers.

c. Division Reports

i. Fiscal – Karen Lopez

1. Handed out sheets with the DSA state capital funding and the 2014 requests. She will have a new Accountant II on 11/7/13.

ii. Nutrition/Transportation – Kathy Black

1. CASA is excited to be the lead team for the United Way campaign.
2. They are getting ready for the AAA audit in December.
3. CASA needs an inventory system/software.

iii. Recreation – Rhonda Methvin (did not attend meeting)

iv. Social Services – Anthony Romero

1. The new construction supervisor, Ralph Garcia, started today.
2. This weekend Home Services partnered with NM Gas Co. to weatherize homes.
3. Lowes donated more smoke detectors. He will meet with AFD tomorrow to discuss installing them.
4. I&A was at St. Pius School for the PNM low income assistance fair.
5. We will have a new case coordinator soon.
6. Our Personnel Officer will be leaving at the end of the month.
7. We partnered with PrimeTime for the PrimeTime Expo. We had volunteer drivers taking members to and from the Expo.
8. The Executive Director for Silver Horizons retired.

VII. Upcoming Events

- a. Care Givers Conference, Sandia Casino, November 2nd from 8 am to 4 pm. Register over the phone at 505.266.4473.
- b. United Health Care Masquerade Ball, October 29th from 2:30 to 5:30 pm at the Embassy Suites – 1000 Woodward Pl NE.
- c. Soft Opening for Bear Canyon will be on November 12th.

VIII. Adjournment

Next meeting will be Monday, November 18, 2013 at Barelvas Senior Center, 714 7th St SW

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