



City of Albuquerque
Department of Senior Affairs Advisory Council

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Richard J. Berry, Mayor

DSA Advisory Council Meeting
North Valley Senior Center
April 15, 2013

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Minutes

- I. Lunch and Presentation – began at 11:50 am
 - a. DSA video was shown to council members
 - i. Members felt the video was well done. The question was asked if DSA planned to put the video on YouTube or the GOV channels. It was also noted that council members felt the video should be shown at all centers. Jorja explained that there are still some editing issues, but DSA will be getting the video out to the public.
- II. Meeting Called to Order 12:32 pm by Yumi Johnson
 - a. Present: Yumi Johnson, Mary Jaramillo, Marianne Chiffelle, Mabel Padilla, Al Provencio, Susan White, Tina King and Debby Knotts
Absent: Agnes Vallejos
 - b. March Minutes were approved.
- III. Public Participation
 - a. There was no public participation; however Mr. Phil Hunt was observing the meeting. He teaches Lapidary classes at Palo Duro.
- IV. Council Business
 - a. Council Member Reports
 - i. Marianne Chiffelle is still concerned about the lack of cleanliness at Manzano Mesa. She believes the timing of the cleaning is wrong. She also feels that the center manager is away from the center too much. Rhonda will meet with Marianne at Manzano Mesa to observe the issues.
 - ii. Mary Jaramillo met with James Mader, Manager of North Domingo Baca, and his assistant, Darla Williams. She was provided a tour of the center's phase 2 project that added 10 rooms/spaces to the center. James provided information to the council as to the specific uses of the rooms at the March meeting. Although much of the furniture has been received, they are still waiting for the remainder- more tables and chairs, pool tables, and personal computers. Their plan is to relocate current tenants into the new rooms and then fill the vacant rooms with new tenants. Room reservations will be accommodated on a first come/first serve basis as they anticipate a large interest for rooms. Bids are out for bollards in front of the building; bids will close at the end of the week. They have also

submitted to Purchasing their recommendations for signs for the exterior and inside doors. They are awaiting approval to hire their recommended applicant for the Youth Coordinator position. They are also awaiting approval to fill one General Service Worker position. They temporarily have the services of a GSW from Bear Canyon who will return there once that center reopens. Hopefully with the Mayor's announcement to fill 160 positions within the City, this can be one of them. They are planning to have a community celebration (open house) sometime between mid to end of May of the completion of Phase 2. It will be on a smaller scale than the grand opening that had thousands in attendance. North Domingo is a state of the art center that reflects the work and dedication of many, many individuals, especially those of DSA. This center is always busy and will become busier once the school year ends.

- iii. Yumi Johnson reported that the volunteer day scheduled for April 20th at Los Volcanes will be rescheduled. Lowes is donating a minimum of 100 smoke detectors to DSA. Yumi will facilitate a meeting with Rebuild Together Albuquerque since they would like to help install them.
 - iv. Tina King reports that the Tijeras Senior Center is working on getting programs at the center. She also said they need computers.
 - v. Al Provencio provided the council members with a handout about a lapidary class set up. Al said they would need 600 sq. feet, \$12-15K + electrical, and a center to house the craft. He reports landscaping maintenance was done at Palo Duro. Al raised some questions about the liability of volunteer instructors of craft classes because of insurance requirements by the City. Jorja said she will check with the legal department. Also, after his February meeting with Ed Nunez, Manager of North Valley, he wrote an e-mail to Councilor Meyers. Al has received a phone call from the councilor's analyst and was told they are working on getting money for the computers.
 - vi. Mabel Padilla reports that the renovations of Bear Canyon have begun.
 - vii. Agnes Vallejos was not at the meeting; however, she did report to Yumi that she will be working on doing more with the meal sites.
 - viii. Susan White reports that the Foster Grandparent Program received an award from the Mayor on April 9th. She wanted to note that managers at Bernalillo County Parks & Rec are rotated to different locations.
 - ix. Debbie Knotts was able to have lunch at Highland and meet the staff and some of the members. She was also able to take a tour of the facility. She did observe that the computers are old, the center needs exercise equipment, and they do have a ceramics kiln. She was also invited to attend a dance and a portrait class. Debby also met with Jolene and Wayne Maes. She told the council that UNM News has a Senior Mentors Program. She also met with the director of Osher and said they want to offer a creative writing class at Highland.
- b. Advisory Council Business
- i. Older Americans Month
 1. The committee has not formally met but they did have some ideas which included getting the news media involved, community highlight, open house at centers, host coffee and refreshments at centers, put

information in newsletters, spotlight members/volunteers/instructors and put a picture and background in the newsletter, and spotlight community partnerships.

ii. Summary of who we are for the Senior Centers handout

1. Yumi has not yet completed the handout, but she will e-mail the final flyer and it can be posted at all centers.

iii. Projects

1. Freedom Festival will be June 9th at the Veteran's Memorial. Volunteers will be needed to help at the event. A meeting will be held tomorrow (4/16/13).

V. Administration Reports

a. Director Report – Jorja Armijo-Brasher

- i. DSA is beginning the budget cycle. Karen Lopez is answering City Council questions. The proposed budget is available on line on the city website.
- ii. The FGP Program Supervisor has received a promotion and will be leaving DSA. We will be advertising the job very soon.

VI. Presentation – Ed Nunez, Center Manager

- a. The kitchen has been renovated and membership has picked up since its re-opening. He did say they have lost a lot of members to attrition. He is very proud of his facility and is looking forward to getting an exercise room. He also wanted to invite council members to the Festival Internacional on Friday, April 19th.

VII. Upcoming Events

- a. There will be an open house on May 18th at the Pajarito Meal Site
- b. Please inform Charlotte of any upcoming events so they can be placed on the next agenda.

VIII. Adjournment: 2:02 pm

Next meeting will be Monday, May 20, 2013 at the Paradise Hills Meal Site, 5901 Paradise Blvd NW