

# *City of Albuquerque*

## *Department of Senior Affairs Advisory Council*

714 Seventh Street SW  
Albuquerque, NM 87102



Jorja Armijo-Brasher, Director

Richard J. Berry, Mayor

DSA Advisory Council Meeting  
North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center  
July 15, 2013

### **Minutes**

- I. Lunch and Presentation of Certificate – began at 11:30 am
  - a. Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Mary Jaramillo for her years of service to the Advisory Council. Mary has served two terms on the council.
  - b. New council member, Grant Slade, was introduced to the council.
- II. Meeting Called to Order 12:10 pm by Yumi Johnson
  - a. Present: Yumi Johnson, Marianne Chiffelle, Mabel Padilla, Al Provencio, Susan White, Agnes Vallejos, Tina King, Debby Knotts, Felipe Gonzales, and Grant Slade.
  - b. April Minutes were approved.
  - c. July Agenda was approved.
- III. Public Participation
  - a. Mrs. Powdrell and her caregiver, Anna, were present. Anna explained that Mrs. Powdrell had been receiving home delivered meals but was told she no longer qualified for this service. Kathy Black, Division Manager-Nutrition/Transportation, addressed Mrs. Powdrell and Anna. Kathy explained she would look into the situation and get back with Mrs. Powdrell.
  - b. Advisory council would like an update of this situation at the next meeting.
- IV. Council Business
  - a. Council Member Reports
    - i. Marianne Chiffelle reports Manzano Mesa is running well, however, it continues to look bad. She will meet with Rhonda to try and correct the problems. She also stated that when she attends evening meetings at North Domingo Baca, the temperature of the meeting room is too cold at 71 degrees. Rhonda explained the city is working on that problem. Yumi suggested perhaps independent controls could be placed in rooms to control the temperature in new buildings.
      1. Al would like this issue revisited in a few months.
    - ii. Yumi Johnson reports volunteers from PNM were out at Los Volcanes and two other sites at the end of May. They worked on fixing benches at the center.
    - iii. Tina King reports that Tijeras Senior Center is having issues with a handful of seniors. She will update the council at the next meeting.

- iv. Mabel Padilla reports that construction on Bear Canyon is coming along and should be complete by the end of September. Re-opening should occur in November.
  - v. Al Provencio reports that Mr. Phil Hunt, lapidary instructor, is still trying to find space for a new class. He also reports that Palo Duro is in need of additional parking space. He proposes that a letter be drafted to City Councilor Janice Arnold-Jones for expanded parking at Palo Duro. After discussion, it was decided that Al will draft the letter and submit it to the advisory council for a vote on whether to send it to Councilor Arnold-Jones. This vote will take place by e-mail, with the exception for the two members who do not have e-mail. Those two members will vote by telephone.
  - vi. Agnes Vallejos had nothing to report from the meal sites.
  - vii. Susan White reports she observed the center manager for Barelvas Senior Center, Linda Jackson, cleaning tables in the social hall. When Susan asked Linda if she had someone to clean for her, she stated she did not. Rhonda explained that is not an everyday occurrence and Barelvas does employ a full time custodian. Susan also reports that Barelvas is in the accreditation process.
  - viii. Debbie Knotts reports she had an impromptu meeting with Cassandra Vigil and Jody Weidner at Highland. They brainstormed about new activities at Highland. Debby was shown floor plans for fitness equipment and feels the space may not be big enough for equipment she was shown. She thought perhaps a mirror and a set of weights could be utilized. She also inquired about new computers for Highland and was told new computers will be ordered. Debby will be meeting with members once a month and advised the council that Highland will be having a volunteer recognition on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Al thought Debby should speak at that event as the advisory council representative for Highland.
  - ix. Felipe Gonzales reports that he met with the center manager for the North Valley Senior Center, Ed Nunez. Some issues of concern were the landscaping at the back of the center and the need for a new van. North Valley also purchased poker tables which the members will not utilize because they feel they are “cheap”. North Valley also has the need for a new fitness center.
  - x. Grant Slade had nothing to report.
- b. Advisory Council Business
- i. Board & Commission Training
    - 1. Training was conducted in May and June. Those who did not attend one of those meeting and the new council members will need to attend training if it is offered. Charlotte will check and report back to the council.
      - a. Council members expressed concern that notice of meetings are not being posted at centers. This item will be revisited at a later meeting.
  - ii. Summary of who we are for the Senior Centers Part II
    - 1. Pictures of new members need to be taken
  - iii. Advocacy

1. Regarding advocacy, Al posed the question of liability of volunteer instructions at centers. Jorja explained instructions will have to provide résumés and a background check will be done. She will still meet with the legal department to explore the matter further.
2. Advisory Council projects
  - a. RSVP Volunteers
    - i. Yumi made a motion to table this discussion until next meeting. The motion was seconded by Marianne. The vote was unanimous to table until next meeting.
  - b. Coat Drive
    - i. Discussion was conducted about the possibility of doing the coat drive. The council was split about the decision.
  - c. Alzheimer’s Caregiver Conference – Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013
    - i. Yumi made a motion to form an ad-hoc committee to discuss the possibility of conducting Silver Alert registration at the conference. Marianne seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to form an ad-hoc committee.
      1. The committee will be chaired by Yumi. Marianne and Grant will also be on the committee.
  - d. Other
    - i. Marianne suggested the idea of council members going to meet with Governor Martinez in Santa Fe in October.
      1. Susan made a motion to allow Marianne to set up a meeting with the Governor. Yumi seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to have Marianne set up a meeting with the Governor.

V. Administration Reports

- a. Director Report – Jorja Armijo-Brasher
  - i. In the next few months she will be meeting with directors in small groups, then she will meet with business people and have a strategic “town hall” to discuss the 2030 population
  - ii. The Department of Senior Affairs received numerous questions and kudos at the Mayor’s Neighborhood meeting on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Division Reports
  - i. Fiscal – Karen Lopez
    1. The 2014 Capital Outlay was submitted to the state. It includes requests for money for a new roof at Manzano Mesa, building addition for Home Services, fire suppression systems for Los Volcanes and Palo Duro, new restrooms at North Valley, new vehicles, money for Phase III of North Domingo Baca, and a new NW facility.
  - ii. Nutrition/Transportation – Kathy Black
    1. 300 bags were stuffed for Stop Senior Hunger. We had a great group of volunteers assist with the bag stuffing. The bags were delivered to

seniors who are home bound, seniors who were identified by various groups, and to meal sites.

2. Meal sites will be celebrating National Senior Day on August 21<sup>st</sup> and will have a Fall Prevention Day on September 11<sup>th</sup>.
3. Susan mentioned there are four ladies who would like to have classes in the evening at Pajarito.

iii. Recreation – Rhonda Methvin

1. Manzano Mesa, Palo Duro, Barelvas, North Domingo Baca, and Highland will be voting sites this year. Manzano Mesa and North Domingo Baca will also be early voting sites.
2. Accreditation notebooks will be sent out this week.

iv. Social Services – Anthony Romero (not present)

1. Yumi reminded DSA that the smoke detectors need to be picked up from Lowes.

VI. Upcoming Events

- a. Highland Volunteer Recognition – July 31, 2013

VII. Adjournment: 2:30 pm

**Next meeting will be Monday, September 16, 2013 at the La Amistad Meal Site, 415 Fruit NE (tentative)**