

City of Albuquerque

Department of Senior Affairs Advisory Council

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DSA Advisory Council Meeting
North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center
July 21, 2014

Minutes

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Debby Knotts – 12:15 pm
 - a. Present: Susan White, Debby Knotts, Mabel Padilla, and Marianne Chiffelle
Absent: Agnes Vallejos
 - b. June 2014 Minutes were approved with two changes from Debby.
 - c. July Agenda was approved.
- II. Center Manager: Introduction & Comments
 - a. The center manager position at North Domingo Baca has been vacant for a few months. Rhonda Methvin, Division Manager, has been overseeing the operations of the center until the position is filled. North Domingo Baca has 5,000 members and has had 120 kids for the summer program. It is currently 39,000 square feet. A gym is in the design process and it will cost approximately \$5-6 million to complete the gym.
- III. Public Participation
 - a. Cheryl Hunt would like to know how to get a MyCD sign for her facility which is similar to the one at Palo Duro. She feels MyCD is an excellent program. She would like to have Catherine Offutt go out to senior residence facilities to speak about the program. She also appreciates the RSVP program because it allows her to have a bus pass.
- IV. Administrative Reports
 - a. Director Report
 - a. Accreditation
 1. All centers have now received national accreditation. DSA will have a celebration when they receive the official written confirmation.
 2. Accreditation is for 3-5 years.
 3. DSA Administration will provide the council with a summary of the end report from the accreditation committee.
 - b. Department Goals for 2015
 1. DSA will be holding a 2030 Dialogue with community stakeholders. We will let council know the date and time of the meeting.
 - c. DSA Retreat
 1. Will be Friday, September 19, 2014. This will be an opportunity for employee training, team building, and a chance to build comradery. We will provide an agenda at the September council meeting.

b. Division Reports

a. Recreation – Rhonda Methvin

1. The new Activities Catalog is out. Both Multigenerational Center Manager positions are vacant. Manzano Mesa does have a temporary manager in place. The center manager position at Los Volcanes will be filled soon. DSA is working with Family & Community, Parks & Recreation, and Cultural Services to have a Fall Festival on September 27, 2014 at the Barelvas Senior Center, Barelvas Community Center, and park area.

b. Social Services – Anthony Romero

1. Anthony was not in attendance, however, Jorja did inform the council that his father had recently passed away.

c. Nutrition/Transportation – Kathy Black

1. Invited council members to attend her retirement party on August 7, 2014 at the Barelvas Senior Center. Nutrition & Transportation has had a successful year. They have made progress in monitoring their grants, they have done well in their scheduling of training for employees, and have made progress on transportation issues. DSA has received \$50,000 more in funding as a result of the partnership between Nutrition & Transportation and Recreation. Three training sessions were held for volunteer drivers. We are also making progress on the Trapeze software implementation.

V. Council Business

a. Council Member Reports

- a. Susan White reports the Rio Bravo meal site has lost their coordinator. She also stated there was a man who was at the Pajarito meal site and was complaining that a woman at the retirement home he lives at is taking all his social security money and only giving him \$5 a week. He also complained that all they eat at the home is beans, rice, and water. Susan wanted to know what she could do. After some discussion, Susan said she will e-mail the information of this individual to Charlotte and she will pass it on to the proper individual for investigation. Susan also mentioned a senior choir in Albuquerque called Young at Heart. She thought it would be great if they could perform at senior centers. She also said we will all miss Kathy.
- b. Marianne Chiffelle reports that the manager at Manzano Mesa is gone. Rhonda said he retired and Ed Nunez is the temporary manager. Marianne expressed concern about the cold temperatures in the rooms at North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center and is worried that the electric bills are too high. Rhonda said because North Domingo Baca is a geothermal building, the electric bill is not high. She also said once the system is adjusted, she will have control to adjust the temperature in the building.
- c. Mabel Padilla wanted to know if anything has been done about the spacing of the tables and chairs in the social hall at Manzano Mesa for lunch. She said all the tables are in one area very close together while the east side is empty. Rhonda will address this with Ed. Mabel said Bear Canyon is running smooth.

She inquired if a custodian had been hired for the center yet. Rhonda informed her that one has not yet been hired. Mabel also asked if the flags have been replaced at Bear Canyon. Rhonda said she would look into that. Mabel also said Bear Canyon is clean, the food is good, and the people are fine.

- d. Debby Knotts wanted to clarify some points from the last council meeting regarding the dances at Highland. She said the attendance for dances on Saturdays was way down so they were looking for alternatives. Highland did poll members of the center about dances and other activity options. In the fall Highland will offer a dance once a month on Wednesday from 2-5 pm, they will be providing entertainment for the themed special luncheons, and they are looking for Saturday alternatives such as pickleball. She also said DSA needs better fitness facilities at other centers. Debby also wanted to report that a member who spoke at the May meeting, Pauline Perez, called her and said she was not able to express her positive experiences at Highland at that meeting.

b. Advisory Council Business

- a. Plan for engaging City Council members

- 1. Will be an agenda item at a future meeting

- b. Preparing for next Legislative Session

- 1. Will be an agenda item at a future meeting

- c. New member selection process

- 1. Council would like to be better informed of the selection process. DSA will have the selection process for the next meeting.

- d. Senior Centers and community gardens

- 1. Will be an agenda item at a future meeting

c. Old/New Business

- a. Upcoming Events

- 1. August 7, 2014 – Kathy Black’s Retirement Party at the Barelmas Senior Center

- b. Coat Drive discussion

- 1. Marianne will contact KOAT to find out about partnering with their coat drive and invite a representative to the September meeting.

- c. Project notebook/documentation: project checklists, feedback, etc.

- 1. Council should maintain of notebook of projects

- d. Suggestions for future agenda items

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- 2. Preparing for next Legislative Session

- 3. Senior Centers and community gardens

- 4. Discussion/vote on changing month DSA Advisory Council does not meet

VI. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 1:52 pm.

**Next meeting will be Monday, September 15, 2014 – Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center
501 Elizabeth SE**