



**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  
La Amistad Meal Site  
September 16, 2013

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**Minutes**

- I. Lunch
  - a. Bi-Laws, meeting minutes, and agendas were passed out. Motion passed to have a working lunch by Susan White.
- II. Meeting Called to Order by Yumi Johnson
  - a. Present: Yumi Johnson, Marianne Chiffelle, Susan White, Debby Knotts, Felipe Gonzales, and Grant Slade.
  - b. July Minutes were approved.
  - c. September Agenda was approved.
- III. Public Participation – No Public Participation
- IV. Council Business
  - a. Old Business
    - i. RSVP Volunteers
      1. Are RSVP volunteers available to help at the booth for the care givers conference on November 2, 2013?
        - a. DSA Council has their own booth
      2. Jorja stated council members should be registered with RSVP.
    - b. Council Members Reports
      - i. Marianne Chiffelle reports Manzano Mesa looks good and is still the same. DSA is working on getting a new roof and making repairs to the restrooms. The Assistance League would like to partner with DSA on a children's book drive. The Assistance League will also have a Halloween thrift shop. Jorja would like for someone to send Charlotte the flyer electronically for the book drive.
      - ii. Yumi Johnson reports the volunteers who were going to work on the benches outside of the Los Volcanes Fitness Center were unable to do the work. Jorja stated RSVP works at stations. Rhonda said staff may have already taken care of the benches.
      - iii. Susan White reports she has not visited Barelvas and she has been working with the Pajarito Meal Site. She has not done a newsletter in two months but will focus on SCP in her next letter.
      - iv. Debby Knotts reports she was present at the July 31<sup>st</sup> recognition event. Most of the people liked to chat. Highland would like to get a blower for one of the

restrooms. She talked about the activities at Highland. She also inquired about the computers being updated. Rhonda informed the council the addition and parking lot renovation will be the priorities. She also stated rooms at Highland do not have sufficient capacity for fitness equipment. Staff is working on the upcoming activities catalog. Also, she is working on a proposal for the 2015-2016 Senior Olympics.

- v. Felipe Gonzales reports North Valley received the new computers. A new computer instructor will also start in October. There will be public policy classes.
- vi. Grant Slade reports North Domingo Baca is a great facility. He met with Jorja and also took a tour with his wife. He attended a meeting at North Valley as a board member of ARCA.

c. Advisory Council Business

i. Advocacy

1. 15-20 years ago the department first had councils for each center. The purpose was to bridge the relationship between members and staff. Councils would fund raise and purchase stuff for the centers. With all the other councils the department still had the main council. The council is not sponsored by the City, which took away controversy on how money was handled.
2. The Bi-Laws have not been changed, with the exception of Section 3 in 2010. Grant said 3C seems like staff function and does not understand if there is added value. Felipe believes it reads more like a mission statement instead of rules.
3. Anthony stated the council has gone from one spectrum to another and we are headed in the right direction.
4. Marianne suggests working with Parliament on the Bi-Laws. Yumi stated we are a committee not a board. The Bi-Laws have been changed more times. Susan suggests having Marianne ask her friend and Felipe seconds it. Yumi suggests creating a committee to re-do the Bi-Laws. Felipe volunteers for the committee and Marianne will be the chair person. Susan believes there have been tremendous improvements on the council. Yumi stated council members shall serve 3 years and can serve a consecutive 3 years. Advocacy may be on the agenda every month for discussion.

ii. Committees

1. Yumi and Marianne will reschedule the committee meeting with Alzheimers for next week. Dependent on how many volunteers they may need. Yumi has committed to be there all day on November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8am to 4pm. Felipe will be there in the afternoon.
2. Round House visit – there will be a meeting in October. Marianne will set up a meeting with the governor. Members would like to have a better understanding of the department's needs. Yumi suggested making the holiday luncheon in December a regular meeting to discuss the upcoming visit. She also reminded the council that it is good to go as a group. Marianne suggested trying to contact your representatives.

V. Administrative Reports

a. Old Business

- i. Update on Mrs. Powdrell's home delivered meals.
- ii. There have not been any new training dates set.

b. Director Report – Jorja Armijo-Brasher

- i. Advocacy is very important right now. We need to be preparing for our budget. It would be nice for members to go to City Council and speak about what is going on. It would also be nice for you to speak at the budget hearings. She also stated that Senior Olympics needs everyone's support.

c. Division Reports

i. Fiscal – Karen Lopez

1. (Get from Rhonda)

ii. Nutrition/Transportation – Kathy Black

1. Things are going pretty well at CASA. The Customer Service Representative position has been filled and 3 new drivers were hired.
2. Whispering Pines will have a Fall Prevention Day on September 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 1pm. This is one of two events to promote Whispering Pines.

iii. Recreation – Rhonda Methvin

1. Bear Canyon is on schedule.
2. There was damage to some facilities from the storm.
3. Sports catalog will be out in December.
4. The books are in for accreditation.
5. DSA is in Albuquerque the Magazine.

iv. Social Services – Anthony Romero

1. We have a new FGP Supervisor, Maria ReQua. The supervisor position for Home Services has been offered to Anthony Garcia.
2. Joy and I did Silver Alert registrations.
3. Cristin did a presentation on the Multigenerational Concept.
4. Home Services has installed 43 of the 200 smoke detectors.

VI. Upcoming Events – **Did not discuss**

VII. Adjournment

**Next meeting will be Monday, October 21, 2013 at Palo Duro Senior Center, 5221 Palo Duro NE**