



City of Albuquerque

Department of Senior Affairs Advisory Council

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DSA Advisory Council Meeting
Palo Duro Senior Center
June 20, 2016

Minutes

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Debby Knotts – 12:04 pm
 - a. Present: Debby Knotts, Marianne Chiffelle, Greg Lopez, John Romisher, and C. Hugh Formhals
Absent: David Vargas
 - b. No Minutes for May 2016 presented.
 - c. June Agenda was approved.
- II. Center Manager: Introduction & Comments
 - a. Maria Aguero is filling in for the manager position at Palo Duro. They will be hosting a Food Truck and Growers Market Day on August 11, 2016. There will be entertainment and vendors. Palo Duro now has events streaming on the television in the Social Hall.
- III. Public Participation
 - a. Judy Hatfield was present.
 - b. Cheryl Hunt, senior advocate, said many residents where she lives has concerns with living quarters. She would like to get city hall to listen to the concerns of the residents and districts.
- IV. Administrative Reports
 - a. Director Report
 - a. DSA is hoping to have a complete contract by the end of the week. An announcement will be made either way. Albuquerque may get the State Senior Olympic Games if we are awarded a contract.
 - b. The RSVP Breakfast was fantastic and it was the best year ever. Maria ReQua, FGP Supervisory, did great presentation. There were about 850 attendees.
 - c. DSA is working with a group of people to see if we can get the Silver Horizons Hall of Fame display back to the Convention Center. The Mayor is excited about the prospect. Silver Horizons already does a traveling display.
 - b. Associate Director Report
 - a. The DSA's new website is out and is user friendly. The Events calendar is now populated.
 - b. A proposal for the 2017 National Conference is being submitted.

- c. DSA had the first annual event with the HONY Foundation for student projects. 120 students participated. They worked at the CASA Kitchen and the Barelás Housing Community.

c. Division Reports

a. Recreation – Rhonda Methvin

- 1. The Activities Catalog will be out this Sunday. Interviews were held for the two vacant center manager’s positions. There is a vacancy for the manager at North Domingo Baca. Most members should have new membership cards by July. North Domingo Baca and Palo Duro have virtual effects displays. We partnered with CASA and Cultural Services to host Summerfest at the North Domingo Park.

b. Social Services – Joy Klotz

- 1. Interviews were conducted for the Information and Referral Specialist positions, interviews for the SCP Supervisor will be next week, and interviews for Case Manager positions will be the week after next. The new Quick Guide is out today.

c. Nutrition/Transportation – Danny Holcomb

- 1. Nutrition/Transportation has hired 2 Cooks, 2 Kitchen Aides, 3 Drivers, and 1 Customer Service Representatives. On June 3rd, Transportation was provided to WWII Vets when they arrived back from Washington D.C. Participated in the HOBY event on June 4, Summerfest on June 11, and will provide box lunches for the Freedom Forth event. There was a summer event for the mealsite participants at the Albuquerque Museum on June 17.

d. Fiscal – Karen Lopez

- 1. Fiscal is busy closing out the fiscal year and there are a lot of deadlines that need to be met. We have capital grants that are expiring on June 30. Jorja will be presenting our request for GO Bond money to the City this week. We have requested money for facilities, a gym at North Domingo Baca, and purchase of the land for the Westside Multigenerational Center.

V. Council Business

a. Council Member Reports

- a. Marianne Chiffelle reports everything is fine at Manzano Mesa. She talked to Ed and the Spray Park is still not operating. She is having an event on July 23 at the Manzano Mesa Park.
- b. Greg Lopez attended the Summerfest event at North Domingo Baca Park. He said it was a great event and the transportation service was good.
- c. Debby Knotts reports the parking lot at Highland is progressing and should be complete by July 21. The July dance will feature big band ballroom music. Highland is partnering with Smiths and they are sponsoring events such as monthly birthday parties and ice cream socials.

- d. John Romisher has continued his monthly walk-throughs at Los Volcanes. Members he has spoken with are pleased with the new restrooms. There are garden boxes in the patio area.
 - e. C. Hugh Formhals met with Sandra and America at North Valley. There have been several problems including 2 vehicles stolen from the parking lot, reports of prostitution and drug dealing in the parking lot, and people coming in the center asking to food, water, and to use the restroom. Staff has put locking devices on the athletic facility. Sandra and America feel there is a lack of male presence in the facility. There is lots of dancing at North Valley.
 - b. Advisory Council Business
 - a. Monthly Meeting Length
 - 1. After discussion, Debby proposed having the meetings end at 2:00 pm instead of 1:30 pm if need be. Marianne made a motion to accept the change and John seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.
 - b. Thank You Event
 - 1. The DSA Partnership Appreciation will be as follows
 - a. August 25, 2016 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm at North Domingo Baca
 - b. “Cocktail” type foods
 - c. A formal invitation will be sent to partners
 - i. DSA will compile a list of partners to invite
 - d. Possible gift for partners
 - e. Framed certificate for partners
 - c. Coat Drive
 - 1. Sub-committee for the Coat Drive will meet this month or next month
 - 2. Anthony will contact Lucy with Ambercare
 - c. Old/New Business – No Old/New Business
- VI. Announcements – No Announcements
- VII. Adjournment
 - a. Meeting was adjourned at 1:24 pm.

**Next meeting will be September 15, 2016 – Barelvas Senior Center
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