

City of Albuquerque

Department of Senior Affairs Advisory Council

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Jorja Armijo-Brasher, Director

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DSA Advisory Council Meeting
Highland Senior Center
July 18, 2016

Minutes

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Debby Knotts – 12:11 pm
 - a. Present: Debby Knotts, Marianne Chiffelle, Greg Lopez, John Romisher, and C. Hugh Formhals
Absent: David Vargas
 - b. Minutes for June 2016 approved.
 - c. July Agenda was approved.
- II. Center Manager: Introduction & Comments
 - a. Arsenio Sanchez, Program Coordinator, has been at Highland for about 3 months. There will be a dance this week and they are now alternating between New Mexico music and ballroom music for dances. There will be an ice cream social next week. The socials are being sponsored by Smith's and the last one was very successful. Smith's is also sponsoring dances and birthday celebrations. The parking lot should be complete by the end of the week. In September or October they will be hosting workshops from a local barber, the cosmetology program at the Career Enrichment Center, and the Sports & Fitness staff.
- III. Public Participation
 - a. Carlton Ellis, a resident at Encino Terrace, is a member of the Palo Duro Senior Center and participates in the adapted aquatics program.
 - b. Cheryl Hunt, senior advocate, addressed concerns about people holding chairs before the Bingo starts at Highland. One member she spoke with felt bad because someone had told her to move and she hit her hand on the table in anger. Cheryl also said someone she spoke with said an employee was rude when she tried to get a lunch, not knowing she had to reserve lunch 24 hours in advance.
 - c. Judy Hatfield was present.
- IV. Administrative Reports
 - a. Director Report
 - a. DSA has a complete contract signed with the National Senior Games. A media announcement was made on July 12th. Albuquerque will also host the state Senior Olympics in 2017 and 2018.
 - b. There will be an event on September 15, 2016 with the author of "Disrupt Aging" at the National Hispanic Cultural Center which will be hosted by AARP.

- b. Associate Director Report
 - a. After hearing Ms. Hunt's concerns, Anthony said if members are having a problem with another member, they should take their concern to the Center Manager or the Program Coordinator. If they feel their concern was not addressed, then contact the Division Manager, Rhonda Methvin. The next person to contact would be the Associate Director, Anthony Romero, and then the Director, Jorja Armijo-Brasher. Greg Lopez also suggested perhaps DSA could implement a policy where no one is allowed to save seats.
- c. Division Reports
 - a. Recreation – Rhonda Methvin
 - 1. The parking lot at Highland will be complete by the end of the week. The summer program will end this week at the multigenerational centers. They had a talent show last week that was great. There is a new fountain at North Domingo Baca. About 70 athletes from Bernalillo County attended the state Senior Olympics in Roswell, NM last week. The new center manager for Palo Duro will start on July 25th and the new manager at Bear Canyon will start on August 8th. The new manager for North Domingo Baca is still being finalized.
 - b. Social Services – Joy Klotz
 - 1. I&A has two temporary workers. I&A continues to work on the backlog of 311 calls. The interviews for the Information & Referral Specialist should be completed this afternoon. Interviews for the SCP Supervisor and the Case Management Coordinators have been completed. Equipment has been delivered to the 1st Street property to start renovations.
 - c. Nutrition/Transportation – Danny Holcomb
 - 1. Interviews will be conducted next week for the Head Cook and Meal Site Coordinator. With the new budget cycle, DSA will have 11 full time driver positions which will allow transportation to go to 5:00 pm. Matthew Lopez, Program Manager, will be transferring to AAA and his last day is Friday.

V. Council Business

- a. Council Member Reports
 - a. Marianne Chiffelle reports everything is fine at Manzano Mesa. Rhonda said Manzano Mesa will soon be getting three new signs.
 - b. Greg Lopez reports Rhonda Methvin has been working at North Domingo Baca. He had the opportunity to meet with the kids. They liked the summer program but would like to have more field trips and pool time. The fountain dedication was June 21st. The AC is working.
 - c. Debby Knotts reports Arsenio Sanchez is excited about the new relationship with Smith's.

- d. John Romisher asked if solar is an option when the roof is re-done at Los Volcanes. He continues to enjoy his walk throughs. Members are happy. The gift shop is expanding a little and he would like to see a bigger sign for the gift shop. They are having some trouble getting the garden going but continue to work on it. He is trying to contact Councilor Sanchez to look at the building.
- e. C. Hugh Formhals spent some time with Sandra. She said the summer is a quiet time at the center, but the Flea Market on Wednesday is very busy. They continue to have dancing during lunch on Thursday and Friday. The monitor for the security system is not working and the DVR is being taken care of administratively. He will speak with Sandra about the possibility of partnering with the Smith's and Walgreen's in the North Valley area.
- b. Advisory Council Business
 - a. National Senior Games
 - 1. UNM will have a meeting next week – July 27th.
 - b. Coat Drive
 - 1. A meeting was held and things are moving along. Dates have been decided for the collection and event.
 - a. Debby reached out to KOAT and received a great response
 - c. Thank You Event
 - 1. John reached out to a bank to see if they could pay for certificate frames.
 - 2. Invitations should go out by the end of next week.
 - a. DSA has a list of partners
 - b. Calls should be made to people who do not RSVP
 - c. Old/New Business – No Old/New Business
- VI. Announcements
 - a. There is not a meeting in August
- VII. Adjournment
 - a. Meeting was adjourned at 1:26 pm.

**Next meeting will be October 17, 2016 – Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center
501 Elizabeth SE**