

City of Albuquerque

Department of Senior Affairs Advisory Council

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DSA Advisory Council Meeting
Barelas Senior Center
April 20, 2015

Minutes

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Debby Knotts – 12:12 pm
 - a. Present: Debby Knotts, Mabel Padilla, Marianne Chiffelle, Susan White, Greg Lopez, John Romisher
 - b. March 2015 Minutes were approved.
 - c. April Agenda was approved.
- II. Center Manager: Introduction & Comments
 - a. Patty Lopez is the manager for the Barelas Senior Center. She said they have been working with the Barelas Community Center on the HUB, which will incorporate activities for both kids and seniors. There will be tortilla making classes, movies in the park, and trips. Patrick and his group are busy working on the garden. All program coordinators are busy working on the next activities catalog.
- III. Public Participation – No public participation
- IV. Administrative Reports
 - a. Associate Director Presentation
 - a. Anthony Romero gave a presentation from the 2015 Aging in America conference he attended in March.
 - b. Director Report
 - a. DSA did not get any money from the State at this year's legislative session since the plan was not voted on. We lost about 1 million dollars that was supposed to go to Los Volcanes and Home Services among other things.
 - b. We will be going to each center to talk about being age friendly. We will be meeting with businesses individually as well. We will build a format on how we move forward in the future.
 - c. Division Reports
 - a. Recreation – Rhonda Methvin
 1. Invitations for the ABQ Together will be sent out. The "A Senior I Know" Essay Contest Ceremony will be May 7, 2015 at Manzano Mesa. The questionnaire has not been sent out yet, but will be due on May 29, 2015. North Domingo Baca will be hosting a Cinco de May event on May 5, 2015 at 5 pm. North Valley will be having the Festival Internacional on April 24, 2015.

- b. Social Services – Joy Klotz
 - 1. 14 volunteers from AFSCME and Home Services fixed up a seniors home on April 18, 2015. We are submitting our grants for the Senior Companion Program and Foster Grandparent Program. We are working on our responses to the monitoring visit. RSVP is exceeding standards for the background checks. The furniture for RSVP is being moved in to Highland today. We will soon have new staff members.
- c. Nutrition/Transportation – Danny Holcomb
 - 1. Daniel Vick, a former head cook with CASA, passed away this weekend. We have two employees retiring soon, George Martinez and Primavera Charles. We finished interviewing for the Program Manager position. We have received the approval for our new inventory system.
- d. Fiscal – Karen Lopez
 - 1. Capital Outlay was submitted to the State on Friday, April 10, 2015. We have requested funds for vehicles, kitchen equipment, and expansion for Palo Duro Fitness, Los Volcanes, and Home Services. The FY/16 budget has been submitted to City Council and meeting to discuss have begun. DSA has requested 14.7 million. There is money appropriated for a 1% raise for employees in the Clerical, Blue Collar, Transit, and Security Unions. There will be no increase to health insurance for employees.

V. Council Business

a. Council Member Reports

- a. Marianne Chiffelle said there are no complaints from Manzano Mesa. She said the staff was very helpful with the event she held there. Rhonda said an emergency procurement was done for the roof and that the bathrooms have been fixed.
- b. Greg Lopez met with Berlinda, Center Manager for N. Domingo Baca. He said she is short staffed and needs a Center Supervisor, Youth Program Coordinator, General Service Worker, and an Office Assistant.
- c. Debby Knotts attend a special luncheon at Highland. She said it was great and they had a harpist playing for entertainment. She had a conversation with Julianna about “wishes” for the center. One was to have a driveway that was closer to the entrance.
- d. Susan White was concerned because she filled in at the Pajarito Meal Site on three different occasions and the Meal Site Coordinator did not submit her time to RSVP to receive credit. She thinks this may have happened to another volunteer also. Danny will work on getting the correct paperwork to all meal sites.
- e. Mabel Padilla says there are lots of activities and trips at Bear Canyon. One concern from members is that there is not enough room on the shuttles for all the members who would like to attend trips.
- f. John Romisher continues to work on his list of priorities for Los Volcanes and continues to meet with Maria. He is enjoying his position as a council member. He also said he appreciates the assistance he has received from Charlotte and Erica.

- b. Advisory Council Business
 - a. By-Laws
 - 1. The final edited version of the By-Laws was distributed to members.
 - b. Coat Drive
 - 1. Anthony Romero has met with Lucy from Amber Care and she is still interested in partnering for the Coat Drive.
 - c. Senior Olympics
 - 1. There is a vacancy for a state board member.
 - 2. If any council members know a person for recommendation, please advise DSA.
 - c. Old/New Business
 - a. Suggestions for future agenda items
 - 1. Meeting with Lucy from Amber Care to discuss the Coat Drive.
- VI. Announcements
 - a. Marianne Chiffelle will be having her annual Children's Freedom Festival on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Balloon Fiesta Park.
- VII. Adjournment
 - a. Meeting was adjourned at 1:44 pm.

**Next meeting will be May 18 2015 – Los Volcanes Senior Center
6500 Los Volcanes NW**