

# *City of Albuquerque*

## *Department of Senior Affairs Advisory Council*

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Jorja Armijo-Brasher, Director

Richard J. Berry, Mayor

DSA Advisory Council Meeting  
Bear Canyon Senior Center  
June 15, 2015

### **Minutes**

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Debby Knotts – 12:09 pm
  - a. Present: Debby Knotts, Marianne Chiffelle, Susan White, Greg Lopez, John Romisher  
Absent: Mabel Padilla
  - b. May 2015 Minutes were approved.
  - c. June Agenda was approved.
- II. Center Manager: Introduction & Comments
  - a. Cassandra Vigil has been the manager of the Bear Canyon Senior Center for 5 years. She is proud of the center and says they have the best volunteers. They also have the Friends of Bear Canyon group. The center was closed for renovations in 2013 for about a year.
- III. Public Participation
  - a. Cheryl Hunt, Senior Advocate and resident of Encino Terrace attended the meeting. She said Encino Terrace is under new management and it has been a slow transition. There are about 163 residents and no purposeful advocacy for them. She said people need to have someone to talk out loud with. Also, there needs to be more available volunteers to assist with things such as opening milk cartons at lunch.
- IV. Administrative Reports
  - a. Director Report
    - a. The Dialogue on the Future is moving along well. AARP is willing to partner with DSA. Anthony Romero explained the World Health Organizations road map to creating an age friendly city model. The first step is to work with the state AARP office. We have already conducted town hall meetings and Albuquerque is already pretty age friendly. This process usually takes a minimum of five years and has 8 domains: Outdoor spaces and buildings, transportation, housing, social participation, respect and social inclusion, civic participation and employment, communication and information, and community support and health services. There will be a town hall meeting at North Domingo Baca on July 23, 2015 at 6:00 pm.
    - b. Silver Horizons had their Senior Hall of Fame on May 27, 2015. Ron Hidalgo is their new Executive Director.

b. Division Reports

a. Recreation – Rhonda Methvin

1. Los Volcanes Day is June 19<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 5 pm and it is their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Activities Catalog will be out this Sunday. The Veterans Wall dedication at Bear Canyon will be July 30<sup>th</sup>. We had 90 Senior Olympians at the state games. The summer programs started today at the multigenerational centers. There are 120 kids at each site. On August 5<sup>th</sup> the Mayor and Councilor Winter will be having a BBQ at North Domingo Baca. The plans have been received for the bathrooms at Los Volcanes Senior Center. North Domingo Baca assisted Cultural Services this past Saturday with Summerfest.

b. Social Services – Joy Klotz

1. SCP is having their pinning ceremony on June 16<sup>th</sup>. FGP had their pinning ceremony in May. They recognized a teacher and volunteer who have been together for 20 years. SCP has put out an article recruiting volunteers. I&A will be having interviews this week. The Case Management supervisor advertisement closes this week.

c. Nutrition/Transportation – Mark McKenzie

1. Transportation will soon be expanding its hours to 3:30 pm. They should be receiving new vehicles in August or September. They are working on re-routing home delivered meal routes.

d. Fiscal – Karen Lopez

1. 3 state grants are expiring on June 30<sup>th</sup>. We are waiting on kitchen equipment that has been ordered. Fiscal is getting ready for the fiscal year end. The Kronos timekeeping system went live this past Saturday. DSA has signed a contract with someone to redesign our website.

e. Associate Director – Anthony Romero

1. The Conference on Aging is August 18 & 19, 2015 at the Isleta Casino. The DSA Questionnaire has been sent out. 3 proposals were submitted for the Aging in America conference next year in Washington D.C. DSA is in the middle of a huge process for I&A for better efficiency. Stop Senior Hunger is in September this year. The Primetime Expo will be October 8, 2015 at the Embassy Suites. The Activities Catalog will be out this weekend. Thanked everyone who attended the RSVP breakfast. The roof at Manzano Mesa is being worked on. The Open House for RSVP will be soon. The North Valley Fitness Center opened. We are working on the DSA brochure with Presbyterian and working on ABQ Ride – trip planning assistance.

V. Council Business

a. Council Member Reports

- a. Marianne Chiffelle said things are going well at Manzano Mesa and the exercise room is no longer leaking. She is continuing to have town hall meetings each month at different senior centers.
- b. Greg Lopez said the trip to Chaco Canyon went fairly well. The trip was a little too long. The Vibetime under 21 event was a failure. They will try the event again

but start it at 8:00 pm. The center manager would like to get a washing machine.

- c. Debby Knotts announced the center manager, Brian Alvarado, is no longer at Highland. She has been asked by DSA to be on the hiring committee for the next selection of a center manager. She will soon be sending information on a multigenerational aquatics center that is currently in Virginia.
  - d. Susan White said Pajarito is closing soon and the members are sad. Some have complained that they do not like Rio Bravo and will not attend that site. She has seen Bernalillo County vehicles parked at the mealsite but she is not sure if they were eating at the facility. She said Bernalillo County will be losing their County Manager.
  - e. John Romisher had a meeting with Maria in the lobby area at Los Volcanes. He said several members stopped and met with them as well. The roof is still leaking and currently has 5 leaks.
- b. Advisory Council Business
    - a. Coat Drive
      - 1. Anthony and Jorja met with Lucy from Amber Care. They provided her with the steps involved in a coat drive. Amber Care is now in the process of deciding if they would like to partner on the coat drive. Anthony provided all Council members with a copy of the steps involved for the coat drive. It was decided that we may have a special meeting to discuss the coat drive after Amber Care makes a decision.
  - c. Old/New Business
    - a. Suggestions for future agenda items
      - 1. Stop Senior Hunger
      - 2. Silver Horizons
        - a. Have them give a presentation and discuss partnerships
      - 3. Website design presentation

VI. Announcements

- a. John Romisher set up a display at the counter of the Bear Canyon Senior Center and will be setting up the display in other locations.

VII. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.

**Next meeting will be July 20 2015 – Palo Duro Senior Center  
5221 Palo Duro NE**