

City of Albuquerque
Department of Senior Affairs Advisory Council

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DSA Advisory Council Meeting
Barelas Senior Center
November 17, 2014

Minutes

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Debby Knotts – 12:15 pm
 - a. Present: Debby Knotts, Mabel Padilla, Marianne Chiffelle, and Susan White
 - b. October 2014 Minutes were approved.
 - c. November Agenda was approved.
- II. Center Manager: Introduction & Comments
 - a. Center Manager was not present at meeting; however, Rhonda Methvin provided a brief update. She said the Social Hall was stripped for pickleball and members were having a good time playing. The Veterans Garden was dedicated on November 10, 2014. A meeting was held to discuss the Barelas Fiesta with all the staff who were involved in the event to discuss the strengths and weaknesses.
- III. Public Participation
 - a. Cheryl Hunt, Senior Advocate, attended the meeting. She voiced her concern over the large population of seniors who do not have access to transportation.
- IV. Administrative Reports
 - a. Director Report – Jorja was not present; therefore report was given by Rhonda Methvin and Karen Lopez
 - a. DSA Survey
 1. The DSA Questionnaire has been completed. They would like to distribute it to over 1,000 people – possibly at alliance meetings, neighborhood association meetings, and Survey Monkey. The questionnaire should help establish where DSA is and where we need to go in the future. The target date for distribution is January 2015. Marianne suggested advertising it in the news media. Debby asked if perhaps it could be distributed as an insert in the Albuquerque Journal.
 - b. Santa Fe Visit and Senior Day – January 27, 2015
 1. There was discussion on when the best day for the trip would be – either before or after Senior Day. Marianne said we need to make sure the date of the visit is placed on the calendar at the Round House. Rhonda suggested the council send out invitations. A date was not set, but Marianne will call to find out when the best day will be for the visit and Susan will check on finding an invitation to send out.

- c. Alliance & Aging agendas
 - 1. Nothing has been received yet.
- d. Westside Feasibility Study
 - 1. Kells & Craig Architecture firm has been selected. DSA hopes to have a design in place by next legislative session.
- e. 2030 Update
 - 1. A Stakeholders meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2014 at the Convention Center. Advisory Council members will receive an invitation.
- b. Division Reports
 - a. Recreation – Rhonda Methvin
 - 1. The Veterans Wall celebration was held November 14, 2014 at Highland Senior Center. We will be doing these walls at all of our centers starting next year. The Sports & Fitness catalog will be out in the Sunday Journal on November 23, 2014. We are still working on the improvements to Manzano Mesa such as the parking lot lighting issue. The North Valley fitness center should be complete in mid-January 2015. We should be conducting the walk-thru for the Highland addition this week. We will be meeting to discuss the bathrooms at Los Volcanes Senior Center. Staff will be getting new computers this month. We have the new membership card equipment and are working on the policies and procedures. Barelás will be the pilot location. We are still working on the Activities Catalog which will be out in January 2015.
 - b. Nutrition/Transportation – Danny Holcomb
 - 1. The Halloween Dance was held on October 31, 2014 at Alameda Community Center. It was attended by over 175 seniors and it was a nice and fun event. On November 13, 2014 the Student Senate from Rio Grande High School held their annual Thanksgiving luncheon for our meal site participants. This year, the seniors from the South Valley meal sites were invited to attend. The annual Christmas party will be December 10, 2014 at the Cesar Chavez Community Center. Two new cooks and one Kitchen Aide started work today. One of the cooks will be assigned to North Domingo Baca so the kitchen can be fully utilized. Hopefully four Kitchen Aides will begin December 1, 2014.
 - c. Fiscal – Karen Lopez
 - 1. Interviews for the Fiscal Officer are being conducted today and tomorrow. I will be attending ALTSD training on December 3, 2014. Jorja and I attending the EPC Committee last week concerning City Capital Outlay. DSA is getting one million dollars. The General Fund budget will begin in December.

V. Council Business

- a. Council Member Reports
 - a. Marianne Chiffelle reports there are no problems at Manzano Mesa and everything will be fine once the roof is fixed.
 - b. Debby Knotts attended the Highland Veterans Wall celebration. She met Roger Newall, the Mayor's Veteran Liaison. Fourteen plaques were made for the wall,

but not everyone attended the event. It was a pleasure and honor to shake their hands.

- c. Susan White has been spending time at the Pajarito Meal Site. She has been working with the Meal Site Coordinator to try and get new members to attend the site. One member has complaints regarding the art class and will be meeting with Bernalillo County.
- d. Mabel Padilla reports things are good at Bear Canyon Senior Center. She spoke with a couple of members who had questions about transportation to an upcoming trip to Madrid, NM. Rhonda told her the seniors would be transported using City vans.

b. **Advisory Council Business**

a. **Coat Drive**

- 1. Waiting on information from Anthony Romero.

b. **DSA Survey & Council Role**

- 1. Council members will encourage members to fill out the questionnaire once it is distributed.

c. **Legislative Visit & January 2015 meeting date**

- 1. Marianne will call to find out a date that will be most beneficial for the Council to visit the Round House.

d. **Senior Month – May 2015**

- 1. All centers will have events.

c. **Old/New Business**

a. **New Members**

- 1. The names of three applicants have been sent to Boards & Commissions.

b. **Suggestions for future agenda items**

- 1. Dialog between UNM and DSA – Story of NM

VI. **Announcements**

- a. The Annual Holiday Luncheon will be December 15, 2015 at the CASA Kitchen.

VII. **Adjournment**

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Next meeting will be January 2015 – Date TBD