City of Albuquerque

Department of Senior Affairs Advisory Council

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DSA Advisory Council Meeting Los Volcanes Senior Center July 15, 2019

Minutes

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Evan Thompson 12:05 pm
 - a. Present: Evan Thompson, Bobbi Carmona-Young, Diann Huddleson, Onastine Jaramillo, Lucy Lopez, Debby Knotts, Greg Lopez, Richard Garcia, C. Hugh Formhals, Steve Borbas, and Allison Weber
 - b. Absent: Joie Glenn
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. May Minutes approved.
- III. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. July Agenda was approved.
- IV. Public Participation
 - a. Susan Bridges attended the meeting.
 - b. Larry Sullivan wanted to thank the Advisory Council for their public service and said they are doing a great job.
 - c. Kathy Sullivan is a pickleball player and wanted to support the Advisory Council and see what it is about.
 - d. Petra Lang O'Brien attended the meeting with Advisory Council member Allison.
 - e. Susan Bankroff attended and is interested in being on the Advisory Council.
 - f. Angelina Zak attended the meeting.
- V. Introduction of New Members
 - Richard Garcia and Steve Borbas were introduced to the Council.
- VI. DSA Report: Anthony Romero, National Senior Games Wrap Up
 - a. Anthony was not able to attend the meeting
- VII. <u>Administrative Reports</u>
 - a. Associate Director Report Anthony Romero
 - a. Associate Director not present
 - b. Division Reports
 - a. Nutrition/Transportation Kyle Kemp
 - 1. The staff have recovered from the National Senior Games and everything is running efficiently at CASA.
 - b. Recreation Angel Montoya

1. The staff survived the National Senior Games and they did a great job. Construction is continuing at Los Volcanes and North Domingo Baca. There is 2 weeks left of the summer program at the Multigenerational Centers. We will be increasing the number of participants for the afterschool program from 60 to 100 children at each site.

c. Social Services – Agnes Vallejos

1. The RSVP breakfast is this Friday. Maria ReQua has been performing duel rolls and is doing an amazing job. FGP and SCP had pinning ceremonies. FGP had a couple of volunteers who had over 25 years and SCP had 1 volunteer who had close to 25 years. There were a number of volunteers who received their 1 year pin. Marvina Chavez and I will be presenting at the Aging Conference.

VIII. Council Member Reports

- a. Greg Lopez reports he heard a few complaints from the National Senior Games: 1. There was not a shirt in the gift bag 2. People on a team sport did not understand why they had to register individually when there was such long lines. There was a lot of positive feedback as well.
- b. Debby Knotts reports families who were in town for the Games thought Albuquerque was amazing and that it was an incredible experience. UNM turned out over 500 volunteers. The president of UNM also volunteered and had a blast. There was concern that the tent at the Pickleball venue did not have lights.
- c. C. Hugh Formhals reports that the staff at North Valley all participated in the Games in some capacity. Money has been budgeted to repair the particians that are falling apart. One van has been salvaged which left them with only one van. They were closed last week for cleaning. He said there was no shade at Los Altos in the hot afternoons for horseshoes, but participants had a good time.
- d. Evan Thompson reports construction is complete at Bear Canyon and looks good. He said there was an article from the Mayor and his wife saying everything was a success for the Games. Bear Canyon's monthly fundraiser is today at California Pizza Kitchen.
- e. Joie Glenn did not attend the meeting.
- f. Bobbi Carmona-Young reports Maria and Arsenio did a 4 page spread on the Games. Renovations are continuing at Los Volcanes and the center will not be closed down. Due to construction, the Silver Horizon Food Pantry was cancelled. Los Volcanes will be providing transportation to the Aging Conference. She said there are a lot of events this summer involving food.
- g. Onastine Jaramillo reports the City did a good job advertising Albuquerque during the Games, but will need to plan for more capacity in terms of the number of vans available. The Spirit Team performed at the Games and had a great time. They also said they felt young again. She has received great feed back from the center managers. They will be performing at Highland Senior Center on September 14, 2019. The group will be moving practices to Los Volcanes.
- h. Diann Huddleson reports she is still working on trying to find a new pottery instructor for Highland Senior Center, but has not heard back from Julianna. She was wondering how programs are scheduled at centers. She also asked if there are spaces for community gardens at city owned facilities.

- i. Allison Weber praised Onastine for the time and energy she put in her cheer squad. She volunteered at Track & Field with a couple of veterans.
- j. Richard Garcia would like to have the Tijeras Senior Center host an Advisory Council meeting. He said members have complained that the music at dances is too loud.
- k. Lucy Lopez reported statistics on the National Senior Games.
- IX. Advisory Council Business no advisory council business
- X. Old/New Business no old/new business
- XI. <u>Announcements: Upcoming Events, Etc.</u>
 - a. Handout with upcoming events was provided.
 - b. There is not a scheduled meeting in August for the DSA Advisory Council.

XII. Adjournment

a. Meeting was adjourned at 12:54 pm.

Next Meeting will be October 16, 2019 – North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center 7521 Carmel Ave NE