

# City of Albuquerque

## Department of Senior Affairs

### Advisory Council



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**North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center**  
**7521 Carmel Ave NE 87113**  
**Monday, July 15th, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.**  
<https://cabq.zoom.us/j/87002708426>

## Minutes

- I. Roll Call
- II. Meeting Called to Order by Chair Evan Thompson at 12:13 PM
  - a. Present:
    - i. Advisory Council Members: Evan Thompson, Steve Borbas, Lorey Esquibel, Dubra Karnes-Padilla, Raymond Taylor, Henry Shoner, and Louis Carlentine.
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Henry motions to approve minutes.
  - b. Steve moves to approve the agenda.
- IV. Public comment
  - a. Dianne M – 74-year-old teacher that recently moved here and also lost her husband. Dianne loves senior centers “Never in my life experienced... I do not know what I would have done without Pickleball Wednesdays.” Monday nights were for 50+ league. Tom explained that there will be 200+ women participating in 50+ league basketball. Dianne attended and saw only 5 other participants. Request: Please, restore pickle ball and find some way to include other women that play basketball.  
  
Tom G. – clarified that 200 people registered for the league, not this event.  
  
Dubra- Referring to letter sent in May which reported the number of participants in Aerobics, basketball, and pickleball. Public data describing allocation of time may demonstrate that people play pickleball more. Seniors should stay active during the afternoon, 11am-5pm. “Pickle Ball is not just a game” Activity, commonality, anti-isolation. “Pickle ball is a lifeline.”

- b. Andy B.-Resident since 1979, lost his wife, lives alone, came to Multigenerational center. Pickle ball is an important service provided to the seniors. Measurement of city-wide resources provided by Senior Affairs. How well are we doing?
- c. Alex P. - Up to 40 people play pickleball. Alex would like to keep active to stay healthy.
- d. Chuck H.- Recently retired, looking for activity, joined NDB. Chuck is disappointed by this cancellation. "Pickleball is fabulous physical activity and there is a socialization aspect."
  - i. Dubra- Is there an option to play outdoors?
    - 1. Health considerations, indoor play is safer: hardware and caring staff presence.
- e. Director Anna Sanchez - We will continue to talk about this as an administration.
  - i. Question: How long has Monday been cancelled?
    - 1. A: One week.
  - ii. "We appreciate the comments about the nice staff. Our team works with youth and parents as well. Regarding data, we are evaluating annually. Our Department has a whole array of services and interests. How we provide valuable services and acknowledge constraints. Mayor and his commitment to national sports movement, new Multigenerational Center has space for that. Basketball group has also been instructed to expand their own scope to be inclusive. This is early on so we appreciate that you came. We will need time to address concerns."
  - iii. This has been an issue for consideration with other centers as well. Also, Alan Armijo is involved in addressing public concerns from constituents. Please allow us time to address this.
- f. Lee G. - Tom has helped set up time and space for basketball. He knows Tom, that he is doing well with what is available. He appreciated being able to play basketball, then pickle ball. Not everyone has the same schedule. "Thank you for inviting us to share."
- g. Public - Does DSA ever coordinate with APS?
  - i. Director would like to collaborate with the new superintendent and school board.
  - ii. Alan A.: After school and summer, they are not responsible for children.
    - 1. Collaboration must be determined by each principle.

V. Announcement

- a. Reggie Peterson has received a promotion to Systems Analyst II.
  - i. Larger vision for how department systems work. Transportation software, used to be borrowed from Transit Dep. We can now take ownership of use and reporting. Making improvements. Reggie is well appreciated.
  - ii. Reggie loves this Department. His parents encouraged him. He remarked that he has enjoyed this position as Business Technology Specialist III.

VI. Center Manager

- a. Geothermal bypass in cooling system is now working well. Update and sync by November.
  - i. Mechanical replacement project, design team updating floor plans
  - ii. Last year, this room was 84 degrees and some rooms even reached 90s. Closure was needed at some times. Now the complaint is that the center is too cold.

- iii. Home Services and GSW is working to update the lighting at NDB.
- b. Training Week: Sports and Fitness received new equipment upstairs
- c. Security cameras are now active, 64 total.
  - i. Now live with the APD Real Time Crime network, thanks to Councilwoman Bassan
- d. The team is now fully staffed and you can tell by moral, and efficacy.
- e. Summer program has now begun 150 kids registered
- f. NDB currently growing: Monday basketball
  - i. Each program is given a few weeks to get started.
- g. Thank you, Reggie P. and Tim M. for your work.
- h. Question: EV charger- Everyone appreciates that it is available.
  - i. Does revenue from that charger come back to the center or the department?
  - ii. Marina: Most funded through State of NM, revenue may go toward offsetting the cost.
  - iii. All multigenerational centers/new builds will have charging stations.

VII. Administrative Report

- a. Deputy Director position will close in the next week
- b. Interviews for Fiscal Manager, CVEM, Prog Coord.,
- c. New Opening in Nutrition & transportation
- d. June – 3 Fountains Apartments update at a crossroads

VIII. Committee Reports:

- a. Quality Assurance: Marina S. – Martha, Sheila, and Lorey: Assessed Meal sites
  - i. Identified 3 locations to review with Anna
    - 1. Paradise Hills
    - 2. Rio Bravo and
    - 3. Raymond G. Sanchez Comm. Ctr
  - ii. Review site, check for quality and identify staff that are performing above and beyond.
  - iii. Sheila visited and created a report
  - iv. Lorey was out of town. Please include and inform her if there are any opportunities to help.
  - v. Tim is available if anyone has questions. Tim responded regarding clothes, chemical storage, etc.
  - vi. Director: We continue to work with the County. They have asked for a year reprieve from removing City staff from county facilities.
    - 1. Counties now refer to all meal sites as senior centers.
    - 2. DSA will revisit agreements to have the greatest impact on high density 60+ demographic. “My commitment is that we will always provide those food services. We will determine how to make this most affective.”

- b. Facilities Planning and Review: Nikki Peone – Lorey, Steve, and Louis C.

- i. Goals and Objectives: Review capital improvement projects
  - 1. Palo Duro \$3million renovation
    - a. Evaluating project through the eyes of the users.
    - b. Opportunity for input from council members.
    - c. In preliminary design phase
  - 2. Manzano Mesa Splash Pad (20yo)
    - a. Leaking
    - b. Will be redone
    - c. All-ability splash pad
      - i. Children, seniors, mobility challenged individuals
  - 3. North Valley Senior Center Renovation
    - a. Improving flow, programming space
- c. Safety committee: An obligation for centers
  - i. Will be rolled out to ensure that we are in compliance.
  - ii. Question: What is the status of the pool?
    - 1. Answer: N.P. That would be a part of Parks & Recreation Department

IX. DSA Upcoming Events

- a. One page update
  - i. Ray – Maybe could be organized in a calendar format

X. Closing Announcements:

- a. Henry – No meeting in August
- b. “Running Medicine” – UNM Doctor that works with urban Native American Youth.  
August 24, Los Poblanos, 8am-10am
- c. New Multigenerational Center, open to the public

XI. Motion to Adjourn by Steve Borbas at 1:11pm.