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DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES
SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center
1121 Alto Street
Wednesday, April 18, 2018 (Time: 9:30 a.m.)

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DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

April 18, 2018

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MINUTES OF THE
DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 18, 2018

A meeting of the City of Santa Fe Division of Senior Services Advisory Board of Directors was called to order by Andres Romero, Chairperson at 9:30 a.m. on this date at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center, Board Room, 1121 Alto Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Roll Call indicated the presence of a quorum for conducting official business as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andres Romero, Chairperson
Mary Louise Giron, Vice Chairperson
Bernardo C de Baca
Toni Ann Gallegos
Dennis Gonzales
Virginia Lucero
Corrine Sanchez
Rod Winget

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rosemary Trujillo-Gonzales, Secretary, excused

STAFF PRESENT

Melanie Montoya, Division of Senior Services, Volunteer Programs
Administrator

OTHERS PRESENT

Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Dennis Gonzales.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bernardo C de Baca and was recited by all present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Gonzales moved to approve the agenda as published. Ms. Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 21, 2018

The following change was offered to the Minutes of the March 21, 2018 meeting:

Page 5, under Other Business, the first line was changed to read: *“Mr. Winget mentioned that the Botanical Garden in **Santa Fe** is looking for seniors to participate in a planting project.”*

Mr. Gonzales moved to approve the Minutes of the March 21, 2018 meeting as amended. Ms. Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES DIRECTOR’S REPORT-Melanie Montoya

Melanie Montoya noted that Director, Gino Rinaldi and Lugi Gonzales are attending Area on the Agency Training/Budget Training today in Albuquerque. She said she will be providing the Director’s report on behalf of Mr. Rinaldi. She mentioned that Chairman Romero and Board Member, Dennis Gonzales will be attending the AAA meeting tomorrow.

Ms. Montoya reported as follows:

Community Services Department Budget

The Community Services Department budget, which the Division of Senior Services budget is included in, will be presented by the Mayor on Monday morning. The budget gets presented to the City Manager, the Finance Committee and the Mayor for approval. The Division of Senior Services put in a flat budget with no increases or decreases. They will have more information after the budget is presented - on how the senior programs will proceed.

Federal Funding

At the prior Board meeting, Mr. Rinaldi noted that the Division of Senior Services received a memo from the State about a possible 3% cut in federal funding.

Ms. Montoya noted that the Division of Senior Services has not received any notice from the State regarding any federal cuts as of yet.

Public Hearing

The Division of Senior Services will be hosting a public hearing on May 16, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center. This is the date for the regularly scheduled Board meeting; therefore, there will not be a [Copies of the agenda for the Public Hearing were distributed.]

Volunteer Recognition Banquet

Ms. Montoya gave an update on the Volunteer Recognition Banquet that will be held at the Convention Center on May 10th at 11:00 a.m. at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center. The event will be catered this year by Cowgirl Barbecue. Approximately 400 active senior volunteers will be invited to attend.

She noted that the Volunteer Programs Advisory Board thought of doing something different for the event. The Division of Senior Services has secured a speaker/author (Anne Hillerman) who will make a presentation about her volunteer service and about the books that she writes.

The Volunteer Programs Advisory Board also asked the Division of Senior Services to think outside the box and not hire a traditional northern New Mexico band. They said seniors can hear a traditional northern New Mexico band at the senior dances. They wanted something a little different this year so the Division of Senior Services hired "Fun Attics". They are a local band who play at a lot of community events.

She mentioned that the Mayor RSVP'd and will be attending and Mr. Rinaldi will be the MC for the event.

Chair Romero asked if there were any questions on the Director's Report and there were none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Montoya presented the Committee reports as follows:

Senior Olympics

The Senior Olympics events are going great. They have over 350 participants. The State Olympic games will be held in July. This is a qualifying year for nationals and nationals will be held next year in Albuquerque. Once the City concludes with their senior Olympics, a picnic/recognition meal will be done in June for the senior Olympics athletes who participated.

Yearly Surveys

The Division of Senior Services is conducting yearly surveys and will use the information obtained from the surveys for the reports to the Area Agency on Aging and to the City of Santa Fe for the Results Based Accountability project. For example, the City of Santa Fe would like to know how many congregate meals they served at the beginning of the year and how many congregate meals were served at mid-year; what improvements could be made; are the customers satisfied with the transportation services and what kind of impact are they making in the community, etc.

Capital Outlay

The Division of Senior Services is working on FY2016 General Obligation Bonds, which includes vehicles and construction projects at Pasatiempo Senior Center; Luisa Senior Center; Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center and Consuelo Senior Center. The Consuelo Senior Center will be closed for renovation probably within the next month. The Civic Housing Authority will identify a couple of units for them.

The Division of Senior Services will provide congregate meals from other sites for these seniors and will provide transportation for them to get to the other centers.

Ms. Montoya said this concludes the Director's Report. She asked if there were any questions.

Chair Romero asked for an update on the SAC.

Ms. Montoya said she did not have an update on that but she can let Mr. Rinaldi know that the Board would like a status update on the SAC.

Chair Romero said Mr. Rinaldi can report on this at the next Board meeting. He said the last he heard is that they are going to disband.

UNFINISHED/OTHER BUSINESS

Botanical Garden project

At the prior Board meeting, Mr. Winget mentioned an intergenerational project at the Botanical Garden in Santa Fe. They are looking for seniors to participate in a planting project. He said this is a wonderful intergenerational event and this is one of the talking points in the Age-Friendly Resolution. Mr. Winget was asked to write something about this to distribute to the Board Members at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Winget distributed a handout regarding the project: This summer the Santa Fe Botanical Garden will initiate a collaborative project between 4-6-year-old children from the federal Head Start program and the senior community for eight

weeks during June, July and August. Once each week, each senior will have a one-on-one opportunity to discuss plants, gardens and gardening with a child from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Seniors will arrive at 9:30 for instructions from Botanical Garden staff about the topic of the day, such as uses of plants (medicine, clothing, weaving, food), identification of local plants and flowers, how to grow a garden, ecology, global warming, etc. Seniors and children will have an opportunity to play games together, such as a scavenger hunt.

The project needs 18-20 seniors. Volunteers provide their own transportation. Please contact Triston Lovato-Armstrong (505-955-4760) or Marisa Romero (505-955-4743) for Retried Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) registration and Shawna Jones, Botanical Garden Volunteer and Education Coordinator (505-471-9106) for further details. RSVP volunteers are covered by liability insurance.

Ms. Montoya said this would be great collaboration for the Foster Grandparents because this is something they do on a weekly basis. They mentor and tutor children and this would be something that would be of interest to them.

Mr. Winget said Triston Lovato-Armstrong and Shawna Jones are talking about this.

Chair Romero asked Mr. Winget if he was asking for the Board's endorsement on the project.

Mr. Winget said yes and offered the following motion:

Mr. Winget moved that the Board endorse the Santa Fe Botanical Garden project. Mr. Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Appointments

At the December 20th Board meeting, the Board approved a motion that the names of the elected at-large Board Members whose terms expired in January 2018 be submitted to the Mayor - asking him to consider appointing them as the Mayoral appointments. They are: Virginia Lucero, Bernardo C de Baca and Andres Romero.

Chair Romero and Ms. Giron asked Ms. Montoya if they have heard anything about the appointments.

Ms. Montoya said no, they have not received any news on the appointment of the Board Members. She will ask Mr. Rinaldi to follow up on this so that he can provide a report on the status at the next meeting.

Southwest History Book Club

Chair Romero said the Southwest History Book Club is going well.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Chair Romero asked if there were any comments from the floor.

There were no comments from the floor.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

As noted above, there will not be a Board meeting in the month of May. There will be a public hearing on May 16, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center. The Board Members were invited and encouraged to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Sanchez moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Giron, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.


Andres Romero, Chairperson

Respectively submitted by:


Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer