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DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES
SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center
1121 Alto Street

Wednesday, June 20, 2018 (Time: 9:30 a.m.)

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ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

June 20, 2018

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MINUTES OF THE
DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 20, 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
Rosemary Trujillo-Gonzales, Secretary
Bernardo C de Baca
Toni Ann Gallegos
Dennis Gonzales
Virginia Lucero
Corrine Sanchez

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rod Winget, excused

STAFF PRESENT

Lugi Gonzales, Division of Senior Services
Gino Rinaldi, Division of Senior Services Director

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. Trujillo-Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 18, 2018

The following change was offered to the Minutes of the April 18, 2018 meeting:

Page 3, 2nd paragraph, 1st sentence, the words "*at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center*" were deleted.

Mr. Gonzales moved to approve the Minutes of the April 18, 2018 meeting as amended. Mr. C de Baca seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARING – BY CHAIRMAN ROMERO

Chairman Romero said every year the Division of Senior Services hosts a public hearing to get input from the senior citizens on what they think should be the priorities for the programs and services for seniors. This year's public hearing was held on May 16, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center. The City of Santa Fe Division of Senior Services hosted this public hearing as required by the Area Agency on Aging. The Division of Senior Services is required to prepare and submit to the Area Agency on Aging a comprehensive plan that includes budget and program goals which reflect the services and programs provided to older adults (60 years of age or older) as authorized by the Older Americans Act.

The Older Americans Act was enacted by Congress in 1965 to ensure provision of social services to America's elderly population. It was meant as a way to promote the dignity of older adults by providing services that enable them to remain independent and healthy, such as establishing senior centers and providing access to meals, caregiver support, transportation, health promotion, and more.

Locally, the Division of Senior Services administers these essential programs, providing a wide-ranging social service delivery system for older adults in our community. The following programs are critical to the Division's planning and implementation process of services:

- Respite Care
- Home Management Services
- Supplemental Assistance
- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
- Congregate Meals
- Home Delivered Meals
- Transportation
- Volunteer Programs
- Senior Employment Program
- Center Programming/Health Promotion

The attendees of the Public Hearing ranked and voted on the priorities they think are important (with regards to the above programs and services that the Division of Senior Services provides).

Chairman Romero asked Mr. Rinaldi if he had anything to add about the Public Hearing.

Mr. Rinaldi said it was his first Public Hearing as the Director of the Division of Senior Services. He has attended the Public Hearings in the past as a guest. He acknowledged staff for doing an excellent job on the presentations they made.

He said he might do a few things different for the next public hearing. He would like to figure a way to solicit more input from the senior citizens in the City who were not able to attend the Public Hearing. Possibly, through the surveys that are done each year.

Mr. Rinaldi said there was great attendance and good input at this year's Public Hearing. He said the one change from prior year's priorities was health promotion or healthy aging – this was ranked number 3 of the priorities. This shows that the senior population is responding to the enhance fitness classes; the yoga classes; the Tai Chi classes, and the different things that the Division of Senior Services is doing to try and promote healthy aging. He said the unfortunate thing is that there is no funding for these types of things but that is shifting a little now.

Mr. Rinaldi reported that transportation was the number one priority and yet this is where the Division of Senior Services seems to be having a decrease in utilization.

DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT-Gino Rinaldi

State of New Mexico and Area Agency on Aging Contract

In December of 2017, the State of New Mexico indicated that they were going to pull the contract from the Non-Metro Area Agency on Aging-the North Central

Agency on Aging, effective February 1, 2018. The Aging and Long-Term Services Department announced that the department was ending its contract with the Non-Metro Area Agency on Aging, but they never took the contract back and AAA filed an injunction. At the March Board meeting, Mr. Rinaldi reported that AAA and the State have agreed to work together, and they hosted a public meeting/town hall and there was a lot of attendees who provided feedback or input. Most of the input centered around the SAMS reporting, which is the assessment and data input that is provided to the State.

Today, Mr. Rinaldi explained that the situation with AAA has not changed since the last meeting.

Mr. Rinaldi said the Division of Senior Services did the reassessments as required.

He mentioned that the Division of Senior Services saw a reduction in the Meals-on-Wheels numbers. One of the factors for this was the bad flu season we had this winter season. Another factor was that a lot of seniors do not want the frozen meals, or they do not need them. He noted that the Division of Senior Services' budget for Meals-on-Wheels was reduced from \$138,000 to \$110,000 because of the reduction in the numbers.

Mr. Rinaldi reported that the Division of Senior Services received a memo from AAA stating that they are not going to fund the Nutrition Supplemental Incentive Program, which is \$153,000. This is provided to the Division of Senior Services to purchase food for the home-delivered and congregate meals. The money has been put on hold and this has caused a shortage in the Senior Services' budget.

Mr. Rinaldi said the Division of Senior Services has not received the contracts from AAA for the Senior Employment program. The State has indicated that they might put out a request for proposals to run the Senior Employment program.

Mr. Rinaldi explained that the Division of Senior Services needs to promote the senior services program more; so, people know about the programs, services and the different activities that are offered; and to recruit and possibly bring more people in. He said as they lose people (to death; sickness; they move in with family, or move into assisted living, etc.,) they are not adding people.

He said the Division of Senior Services is thinking about the option of serving dinner meals for those who work.

There was brief discussion about the Board inviting the Mayor and City Councilors to a future meeting to talk about the Board and its role; or possibly the Board can make a presentation to City Council sometime in the future.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Rinaldi presented the Committee reports in his report above.

He added that all the programs are going well.

He said the Division of Senior Services received approval to post the In-Home Support Program Coordinator position that he requested funding for in the next fiscal year.

UNFINISHED/OTHER BUSINESS

There was no unfinished or other business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

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

Complaint about volunteer

Ms. Sanchez said she and Virginia Lucero recently had a meal here at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center. She said they noticed that one of the volunteers who was helping serve food was not wearing gloves or a hairnet and they thought this was required for everyone who serves food.

Mr. Rinaldi asked Ms. Sanchez to provide the individual's name after the meeting and he will have a talk with her to ensure that she knows that the gloves and hairnet are required while serving food. He said he would like the cooks to deal with these types of issues, but this is not the way that this has been structured. He said before he makes any changes, he needs to address these issues first.

Food Distribution at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center

Dennis Gonzales announced that the food distribution is done every other Friday starting from 1:00 p.m. here at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center. He noted that they have been serving approximately 100 people.

Southwest Historical Book Club

Chairman Romero said the Southwest Historical Book Club has been meeting for about two and a half months and it is going well. The Book Club meets on the

second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Board Room at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center.

Ms. Lucero asked how many people come.

Chairman Romero said they have had from five to 10 people.

He mentioned that from May to September, they will also be going on field trips. To date, they have visited the Da Vinci Exhibit in Albuquerque. He noted that he recently registered the Book Club (nationally) as an authentic historical book club.

SAC (Senior Advisory Committee)

Chairman Romero asked for an update on the SAC.

Mr. Rinaldi said they have applied to dissolve.

Ms. Lucero said the application for dissolution has been filed but all outstanding bills have to be paid first. She said all the records are at the Imaging Center on Bisbee Court to be put on a thumb drive.

Ms. Sanchez asked if the City gets the money from the fund, will the seniors continue to get that funding- to assist them with utility bills, etc.


Mr. Rinaldi said yes, and they will have to follow the City's process to obtain the funding.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

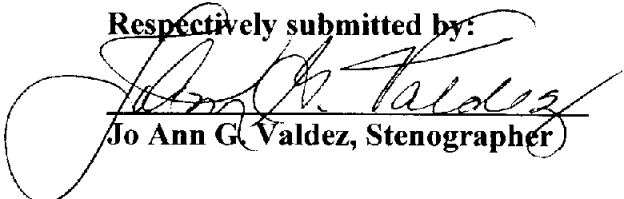
The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday**, July 19, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Sanchez moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Giron, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.


Andres Romero, Chairperson

Respectively submitted by:


Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer