



Agenda

DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center
1121 Alto Street
Wednesday, April 17, 2019 (Time: 9:30 a.m.)

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 20, 2019
- VI. DSS DIRECTORS REPORT
- VII. UNFINISHED OTHER BUSINESS
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS
- IX. COMMENTS FROM FLOOR
- X. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING
- XI. ADJOURNMENT

Persons with disabilities in need of accommodations, contact the City Clerk's office at (505) 955-6520, five (5) working days prior to meeting date.

RECEIVED AT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

DATE: March 14, 2019

TIME: 3:10 PM

SUMMARY OF MINUTES
DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

April 17, 2019

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>PAGE(S)</u>
CALL TO ORDER		1
ROLL CALL	Quorum	1
INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE		1-2
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Approved	2
APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 20, 2019	Approved	2
DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT		2-4
UNFINISHED/OTHER BUSINESS	None	5
NEW BUSINESS		5
COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR		5-6
DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING: Moved to May 22nd		6
ADJOURNMENT	Adjourned at 11:00 a.m.	6

MINUTES OF THE
DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 17, 2019

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 present for conducting official business as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andres Romero, Chairperson
Mary Louise Giron, Vice Chairperson
Rosemary Trujillo-Gonzales, Secretary
Bernardo C de Baca
Tonie 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

Sheila Martinez, intern from NM Highlands University
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

INVOCATION

Invocation led by Dennis Gonzales.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Romero and recited by all.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: A motion was made by Virginia Lucero, seconded by Rosemarie Trujillo-Gonzales to approve the agenda.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 20, 2019 meeting

MOTION: A motion was made by Dennis Gonzales, seconded by Mary Louise Giron to approve the Minutes of the February 20, 2019 meeting.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT-Gino Rinaldi

Capital Outlay Projects Update

Mr. Rinaldi gave an update on the capital outlay projects as follows:

- There will be a pre-construction meeting for the expansion of the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center this week sometime and then they will get started on the project. The project should take 4-5 months to complete.

The Division of Senior Services has not seen any roof leaks after the roof repairs that were done.

The Division of Senior Services is working on a slow melting system in the awning area where the Meals on Wheels are. The ices builds up in that area in the winter and this can be a safety issue for employees.

Mr. Gino explained that the Division of Senior Services did not have all the funding required to cover the costs of project, so they requested to use City Gross Receipt Bond monies and this was approved. They also received a \$178,000 appropriation from the State Legislature via the Department of Aging for the project. This has to be spent by the end of June; otherwise the Division of Senior Services loses the funding.

- The Pasatiempo Senior Center is currently undergoing construction. The Civic Housing Authority and the contractor are doing major renovations. The Center has been closed for over a month. Most of the costs for this

project are being funded through the State GO Bond funding that the City receives. Senior citizens who usually go to the Pasatiempo Senior Center have been transported to either the Luisa Senior Center or the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center.

As a result of the construction project at the Pasatiempo Senior Center, the Division of Senior Services has seen a slight decrease in *congregate meals* but the Center should be open next week.

- Mr. Rinaldi said he will have more to report on the construction project at the Villa Consuelo Senior Center at the next meeting, but they are almost ready to open.

He noted that there will be 100 units built at the Villa Consuelo Senior Center and this will be a major expansion that will start soon. He said they might not open the Center during the construction, which could take up to 18 months to complete.

Mr. Rinaldi reported the Division of Senior Services is moving forward with purchasing a new 4-wheel drive truck and a snow plow.

Ms. Gallegos asked Mr. Rinaldi if they are going to put in security cameras.

Mr. Rinaldi said yes, they received funding for that and they are waiting for the contract from the State. He is anticipating that they will be able to get the contract by the month of August and then the Division of Senior Services can find a vendor at that time.

Chairman Romero asked him if they are also going to have lights with detectors on them.

Mr. Rinaldi said no.

Chairman Romero asked him why not.

Mr. Rinaldi said they don't need it.

Chairman Romero noted that there was a recent break-in in the Exercise Room at the MEG Center. He said even though the cameras were on, you could not see when the lights are off.

Mr. Rinaldi said he thought he meant exterior lights and that is a good idea and they can look at that. He said they need to be vigilant and a better camera system would help.

AAA Meeting

Mr. Rinaldi said there will be a AAA Advisory Board meeting next Wednesday in Las Cruces and he, and a couple of other staff members, Chairman Romero and Dennis Gonzales will be attending. There will also be a budget meeting and a Director's meeting. Mr. Rinaldi will provide an update to the Board after the meetings.

At that time, the Division of Senior Services is hoping that they will know whether or not AAA wants them to hold a public hearing. If so, this could be held sometime in June.

He noted that the Division of Senior Services received an increase in federal funding of \$171,000 through the AAA and an amendment of the contract was done to include this. This has to go through the City process for approval and may take approximately a month to go through the process.

He said the funding came with some stipulations and the Division of Senior Services has to produce the additional units of services. This could be difficult to do by the time they receive the funding and the deadline to spend these funds. For example, they are requesting that the Division of Senior Services provide an additional 3900 units of services in respite services.

Units of Services

The Division of Senior Services is meeting the numbers in all of the units of services with the exception of the slight decrease in meals because of the closure of the Pasatiempo Senior Center, but the units should go back next month when the Center reopens.

The Division of Senior Services is exceeding the projections for the transportation units of services.

Strategic Planning Retreat for DSS Board

The Division of Senior Services, together with the members of the Division of Senior Services Advisory Board, conducted a strategic planning exercise on March 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Division of Senior Services contracted with Southwest Planning & Marketing to conduct preliminary strategic planning for the Division. Mr. Rinaldi said he will review the consultant's report and send it out to the Board Members. He asked the Board Members what they thought of the Retreat and there was consensus that it was a nice and productive Retreat.

UNFINISHED/OTHER BUSINESS

There was no unfinished or other business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Rinaldi said he wanted to mention that he had two prospective Board Members. They are John Block and Carmella Martinez.

Chairman Romero asked if there were vacancies on the Board.

Lugi Gonzales said yes, it is an 11-Member Board and there are presently nine Board Members. There are two at-large vacancies.

Chairman Romero suggested that staff get copies of their resumes and provide them to the Board for discussion.

Mr. Rinaldi noted that he had a copy of John Block's resume and Lugi Gonzales made copies for the Board Members.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Complaints from senior citizens

Ms. Virginia Lucero noted that she had brought up before about a request for a suggestion box and she keeps getting asked what happened to this request, and she told them that she would bring it up at the Advisory Board meeting again.

She said other complaints she has been hearing has to do with the ceiling tiles. Some people feel that they look gross and horrible, and they think there should be some money to replace these tiles. She told them she would also bring this up at the Advisory Board Meeting.

In response, Mr. Rinaldi apologized for not following through on the suggestion box and offered to make sure that this gets done.

With regards to the ceiling tiles, he offered to send a work order request to the City's Maintenance Department to replace the tiles that look bad.

Ms. Giron said not only is it a cosmetic issue, it could be a health hazard as well.

Lugi Gonzales mentioned that the ceiling tiles were replaced about a month ago and then the rains came and damaged them again.

Ms. Lucero suggested that they mention this in the newsletter to let the seniors know that they are working on this. She thinks this could help.

Spring Trip to Laughlin, Nevada

Chairman Romero explained that the Division of Senior Services is no longer traveling out of state, and even to some in-state areas, because of the staff overtime costs, and there have been some inquiries from senior citizens about that. Therefore, he formed a non-profit organization called "Senior Resources, Inc." and they are sponsoring a Senior Citizen's trip to Laughlin, Nevada from May 12 to May 15th. Chairman Romero and Corrine Sanchez have been working on the trip to Laughlin and a flier was done about the trip and distributed at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center. However, he was told this morning that staff was asked to remove the fliers from the tables, and he asked who requested this and was told that the Director requested this.

Chairman Romero wanted it on the record that he was upset how the Director and the Division of Senior Services handled this. He said he coordinated this with the Director and was doing it out of courtesy for the seniors and he did not appreciate how staff pulled this from under him.

In response, Mr. Rinaldi said the Division of Senior Services was receiving phone calls about the trip and they had nothing to do with it, and this is really not a Board issue.

Chairman Romero said it was a Board issue because it affects seniors. He said some seniors think the trip has been cancelled.

Following discussion, there was agreement that Chairman Romero and Corrine Sanchez would meet with Mr. Rinaldi to discuss this further.

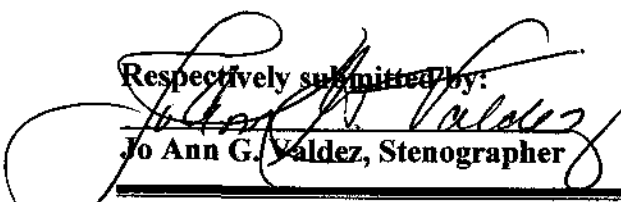
TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting was moved to May 22nd, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center because the Director will not be available on May 15th, which is the regular Board Meeting date.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:


Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer


Andres Romero, Chairperson