



Agenda

DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center
1121 Alto Street
Wednesday, June 26, 2019 (Time: 9:30 a.m.)

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ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

June 26, 2019

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MINUTES OF THE
DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 26, 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
Rosemary Trujillo-Gonzales, Secretary
Bernardo C de Baca
Dennis Gonzales
Virginia Lucero
Rod Winget

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mary Louise Giron, Vice Chairperson, excused
Tonie Ann Gallegos, excused
Corrine Sanchez, excused

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

John Block, prospective Board candidate
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

INVOCATION

Invocation led by Dennis Gonzales.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rod Winget and recited by all.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: A motion was made by Dennis Gonzales, seconded by Rosemary Trujillo-Gonzales to approve the agenda.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 22, 2019 meeting

MOTION: A motion was made by Virginia Lucero, seconded by Dennis Gonzales to approve the Minutes of the May 22, 2019 meeting.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT-Gino Rinaldi

Volunteer Program Denver Trip-Senior Corp

Gino Rinaldi and Melanie Montoya made a trip to Denver for training through the Volunteer Program. He said the Senior Corp is trying to focus more on trainings and the topic this year was intergenerational programs. They tried to look at a variety of ways that the volunteer programs could establish intergenerational programs. They also talked about juvenile justice, and the National Resource Center for Mentoring, out of Washington, D.C. - in partnership with the National Juvenile Justice organization – are partnered in trying to look at intergenerational possibilities with juveniles who are considered “at risk”.

Mr. Rinaldi noted that he spoke with Kyra Ochoa a little about the possibility of them doing something with the juvenile justice programs. He mentioned that the Division of Senior Services had the Botanical Garden project this last year but it does not look like it will happen again this year.

He said he would like to see what the Division of Senior Services could do further (to work with juveniles) but he has to see if there is funding available for this. Also, currently, they do not have the staffing to do this.

He mentioned that there were also some workshops on monitoring performance measures.

Another training is scheduled in Ohio and the topic will be on opiate addictions.

Mr. Winget said there is a movie out "Shakespeare Behind Bars", which is a documentary that was filmed somewhere in Kansas. It is a movie about volunteers going into the prisons.

Chairman Romero noted that he knew the author who put this together. He said she put together another documentary with seniors who had been on Broadway and entertainment. This showed on PBS. She also has another one for Meow Wolf. He said possibly she can come and make a presentation to the Board.

Mr. Rinaldi said he would like to meet her and possibly she could be a speaker at the next Volunteer Recognition Banquet.

AAA

Mr. Rinaldi said the Division of Senior Services did not receive any money this last Legislative Session. He noted that they received the award from AAA two weeks ago and the funding was cut by \$110,000. The funding for all of the Title 3 programs was also cut. AAA indicated that they made a mistake last year and overpaid everybody.

The federal funding has not come in yet for the Nutrition Supplement program.

Mr. Rinaldi noted that he will be attending a meeting at AAA next month and hopefully they will hear input about the programs.

Chairman Romero said the meeting is scheduled for July 18th.

Mr. Rinaldi said they received the funding but have not received a contract from AAA as of yet and hopefully they will get it in by June 28th. It has to go to City Council and could be in place by August or September.

He said the changes they have made will have an impact on the City's budget.

Closing Out FY2019 Budget

The Division of Senior Services is closing out the budget for FY2019. Mr. Rinaldi offered to provide a report for the Board at the July meeting.

He mentioned that the City is transitioning to a new financial and HR system and it is scheduled to go live on Monday.

DSS Public Hearing

Mr. Rinaldi thanked the Board Members who attended the Public Hearing. He said the Public Hearing went well. There was a lot of conversations centering around the construction project at the Villa Consuelo Senior Center. He explained that the Division of Senior Services has no control over a lot of the issues that were brought up about the Center because the City does not own it. The Civic Housing Authority owns the Center.

Chairman Romero said the issue that the seniors have at the Villa Consuelo Senior Center has to do with management – they will not listen to some of the complaints that the seniors have and do not address the problems. They have also tried to speak to the Mayor about the problems but he has not responded. He said the construction at the Villa Consuelo Senior Center is affecting the morale of the seniors who live there.

Mr. Rinaldi said there were many issues with the units at the Villa Consuelo Senior Center because they were built in the 70's and are outdated. They are doing major renovations on the units. The parking lot and the kitchen are also being renovated and should be completed in the next six months or so.

He said they do not have enough money to finish the Villa Consuelo Senior Center project and they will be meeting to see how they can come up with the funding they need (\$150,000-\$160,000). The City can come up with half of that but the Civic Housing needs to come up with the remaining funding. They received funding to do the renovations on things like code violations/compliance and safety but they did not receive sufficient funding for the project. They are working on a new contract to provide for the additional \$80,000 that is needed to complete the project.

He said the construction at the Villa Consuelo Senior Center is causing some hazards for the seniors and they will not open the Center until it is safe for the seniors.

Mr. Rinaldi continued to report on the Public Hearing noting that the top three issues for the seniors were transportation; congregate meals and Meals on Wheels.

He mentioned that the senior housing issues in the City of Santa Fe are not being addressed.

Units of Services

All of the programs are doing fine. The Division of Senior Services is meeting the numbers in all of the units of services with the exception of the slight decrease in home delivered meals.

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

Stenographer's Last Meeting

Mr. Rinaldi announced that this would be the Stenographer's (Jo Ann Valdez) last meeting and on behalf of the Division of Senior Services and Community Services, he would like to thank her for her professionalism; her timeliness; and her great personality. He said he was glad to have worked with her.

Mr. Rinaldi said he is done with his report and asked if there were any questions.

There were none.

UNFINISHED/OTHER BUSINESS

a. Blue Zones Project for Santa Fe

At the prior Board meeting, Mr. Winget wanted to introduce the concept of a Blue Zones Project for Santa Fe. He distributed a handout about this at the prior meeting. The Blue Zones Project, the creation of Blue Zones, LLC, Minneapolis, MN, refers to restructuring a community environment, both physically, socially, and attitudinally, to foster improved wellness, health and happiness and to reduce the impact of inadequate health on community resources and increase the overall well-being and happiness through proactive long-term prevention.

At the May Board meeting, Chairman Romero suggested that the Board discuss and defer action on this item until the next meeting to allow the Board Members time to review the information.

Mr. Winget spoke about the concept noting that this program changes the environment so that life becomes healthier for people. He said the success at other cities has been to get the media behind it-so people know about it.

He noted that he spoke to the Mayor and he was supportive of the idea.

Chairman Romero asked if he has given him a letter of support. If not, he suggested that Mr. Winget get his endorsement in writing. He said he can get media involved, to include radio and television. He recommended that Mr. Winget get in touch with *The New Mexican* who can do an article on this and he could also get an interview on the radio.

Mr. Rinaldi said because of the structure of the Affordable Care Act, healthcare is recognizing that social deterrents (lifestyle) of how we live our life is a critical factor in the costs of healthcare.

Mr. Winget asked for a motion of the Board to endorse the concept.

Board Member, Virginia Lucero had to leave the meeting and therefore, there was not a quorum of the Board at this point in time. The motion that Mr. Winget wanted to introduce was not introduced because of the lack of a quorum. This will be an agenda item under "Unfinished Business" for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Introduction of Prospective Board Member

Chairman Romero introduced John Block.

Mr. Block gave a brief history of his background noting that he is a native Santa Fean. He has a vast experience of working in government and is familiar with the senior programs. He also worked for the Public of Education and the Department of Finance and Administration.

Chairman Romero noted that the Board cannot make a motion to appoint Mr. Block as a Member because they do not have a quorum.

Mr. Rinaldi suggested that his appointment be one of the first agenda items at the next Board meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Chairman Romero asked about the status of the money that was turned over from the SAC.

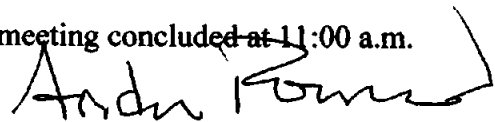
Mr. Rinaldi said the money is in an account and they need to set policies on how the funding will be used.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting was scheduled for July 17, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center.

ADJOURNMENT

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


Andres Romero, Chairperson

Respectively submitted by:


Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer