

MINUTES OF THE
DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 16, 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
Tonie Ann Gallegos
Dennis Gonzales
Virginia Lucero
Corrine Sanchez
Rod Winget

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rosemary Trujillo-Gonzales, Secretary, excused
Bernardo C de Baca, 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 led by Dennis Gonzales.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Virginia Lucero and recited by all.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: A motion was made by Dennis Gonzales, seconded by Corrine Sanchez to approve the agenda.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 19, 2018 meeting

MOTION: A motion was made by Dennis Gonzales, seconded by Rod Winget to approve the Minutes of the December 19, 2018 meeting.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT-Gino Rinaldi

Gino Rinaldi said he would like to give a couple of updates.

Units of Services

The Division of Senior Services is meeting the numbers in all of the units of services with the exception of the Meals on Wheels.

Mr. Rinaldi said he has been talking about the Supplemental Nutrition Income Program (SNIP) and the fact that the Division of Senior Services only received a partial appropriation, which was late in coming. The appropriation was received in October 2018 but it is normally received in the month of July. The Division of Senior Services may be receiving the other half of the appropriation soon.

Chairman Romero asked if this is coming from the state or the federal government.

Mr. Rinaldi said the federal government via the state government (AAA).

Chairman Romero asked if the government shutdown is going to affect it.

Mr. Rinaldi said no, he did not think so because they received the money before the shutdown but they were working on getting the contracts out.

Mr. Rinaldi said with regards to transportation, it has been a rough month with the snow. They have had a few minor fender benders. Despite the snowfalls, the Division of Senior Services has had only 1 delay due to the snow.

Mr. Rinaldi reported the Division of Senior Services is behind on the respite unit of services. They have been without one employee but they hope he will be back soon.

Senior Employees Program

Mr. Rinaldi reported that the Division of Senior Services lost three senior employees due to retirement. However, they are in the process of hiring three new employees and they received quite a bit of applications. The employees should be hired by the end of the month. These positions are funded through the AAA and the State. This is a 4-year job-training program and is not designed to be a permanent job for the senior employees. It is designed to give people an opportunity for job training, and possibly the ability to apply for a City job or elsewhere. Mr. Rinaldi would like to assign these employees to one center, so that they are not jumping from center to center.

Mr. Rinaldi mentioned that the Division of Senior Services had been paying these employees the federal minimum wage and the minimum wage in the City of Santa Fe is \$11.40. The Division of Senior Services started paying these employees the City's minimum wage this year.

Capital Outlay Projects Update

Gino Rinaldi gave an update on the capital outlay projects. The Pasatiempo Senior Center is currently undergoing construction. The Civic Housing Authority and the contractor have made a decision to close the Center for 2-3 weeks starting next Tuesday (January 22nd). The Division of Senior Services will notify the seniors who go to the Pasatiempo Senior Center about this and will also let the City Transportation Department know. Seniors will be transported to the Luisa Senior Center or the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center.

Chairman Romero asked Mr. Rinaldi if they needed help in the kitchens.

Mr. Rinaldi said they can always use help in the kitchens.

Chairman Romero said the reason he asked is because he will be talking to the Executive Director at YouthWorks and he will mention this to her.

Mr. Rinaldi asked Lugi Gonzales if she had anything to add with regards to activities.

Lugi Gonzales said registration for the senior Olympics is going on now. Interested individuals can contact the Division of Senior Services.

She mentioned that there will be a hiking trip to the Borrego Trail tomorrow.

Chairman Romero said the Historical Book Club is going very well. He said at their last meeting they worked out the schedule for the next six months and should be published next week. He mentioned that they have a trip to the Art Museum in Albuquerque on January 23rd to see the second portion of the "Visions of the Hispanic

World". The Historical Book Club meets twice a month, on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and on one of the Wednesdays, they go on a field trip.

Ms. Sanchez said she is glad to see the trips picking up again. She noted that some trips were cut out and asked if these were going to come back, i.e., the Balloon Fiesta.

Mr. Rinaldi said no.

Lugi Gonzales said this trip is not part of the Division of Senior Services.

Ms. Sanchez asked who did these trips.

Lugi Gonzales said those trips are done via the Travel Committee.

Ms. Sanchez mentioned that the Travel Committee is not doing these anymore.

Mr. Rinaldi said they want to look at having two trips per year, possibly to the River of Lights event and the Balloon Fiesta. They will look at this when they prepare the budget. He explained that they have to consider the costs when they do these trips because the Division of Senior Services has to pay overtime the drivers and these costs can add up.

Chairman Romero asked if it would be possible to use a volunteer who has a CDL license-can this be handled that way?

Mr. Rinaldi said he is okay with having a volunteer drive the smaller vehicles but he would not want them to drive the bus. The Division of Senior Services only has one bus.

Chairman Romero asked him to think about it.

Mr. Rinaldi agreed to think about it. He said at that note, the Division of Senior Services is doing a lot of activities.

He noted that the Division of Senior Services received the money for the expansion of the dining room at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center. They will start construction when the weather permits it, probably in April.

Mr. Rinaldi said the other thing they are working on is the construction project at Consuelo Senior Center. He thinks completion will be sometime in March.

He mentioned that they have problems with leaky roofs at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center and they received an estimate of \$23,000 to repair the leaks. He said in April, they will submit their request for the 2020 Legislature, which will

include the replacement of the entire roof. It is estimated to be a \$200,000 project. The request will go to the voters in November of 2020 and will go back to the Legislature in 2021 and if approved, the Division of Senior Services will receive a contract in 2022.

Legislative Talking Points

A handout on the *Legislative Talking Points*. Mr. Rinaldi said he has been advocating for supporting the full funding of the Aging and Long-Term Services Department-Aging Network Operations Budget (General Fund) (HB2). This includes restoring the 2018 5.5% budget cut and increasing the budget to 3% (due to 3 years of flat budgets). He noted that the State is looking at a 9.5% increase in the Governor's Executive Budget.

With regards to the Capital Outlay Projects, the City of Santa Fe, Division of Senior Services is recommending full funding of \$314,929 for nine fleet vehicles; \$22,650 for security cameras upgrades for the MEG Center and eliminating the \$10,000 Capital Outlay cap (small capital items such as stoves, steamer and other meals equipment).

Mr. Rinaldi noted that the Aging and Long-Term Services Department's request only included \$110,890 for vehicles.

He said these points will be presented at the AAA Board meeting tomorrow.

Re-appointments of Board Members

Gino Rinaldi reported that three reappointments have been made by the Mayor. He asked the members who were reappointed to sign the papers they received and send them back.

Senior Day at the Legislature

Gino Rinaldi mentioned that Senior Day at the Legislature is February 22nd and the Division of Senior Services will have a booth there to promote the senior programs. He would like the Board Members to attend and the Division of Senior Services will provide transportation.

Retreat for Division of Senior Services Advisory Board

Gino Rinaldi would like to have a retreat for the Board and staff members to establish a framework and strategic direction or plan for the Senior Programs. There was brief discussion about the possibly of having it on February 20th or March 20th, depending on the time it takes to get the contract approved. This will be at the same time of the regular Board meeting. At this point in time, there was consensus *not* to have a regular Board meeting if the Retreat is scheduled for February. Mr. Rinaldi noted that the Division of Senior Services is waiting for the contract for the consultant/facilitator for the Strategic Planning Retreat.

UNFINISHED/OTHER BUSINESS

There was no unfinished or other business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Ms. Sanchez asked for an update on the new bingo machine. She asked if the machine has been ordered.

Mr. Rinaldi said the machine has been ordered but the Division of Senior Services has not received it.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

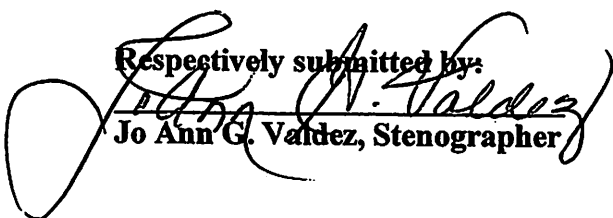
The next meeting will be scheduled at a later date. If the Retreat is scheduled for February 20th, there will be no regular Board meeting in February.

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