



Agenda

DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES
SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center
1121 Alto Street
Wednesday, February 19, 2020 (Time: 9:30 a.m.)

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST'S
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 15, 2020
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**MINUTES OF THE
DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JANUARY 15, 2020**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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, 121 Alto Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was led by Dennis Gonzales.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Sanchez and recited by the Board.

III. ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andres Romero, Chairperson
Rosemary Trujillo-Gonzales, Secretary
John Block
Bernardo C de Baca
Dennis Gonzales
Corrine Sanchez
Rod Winget

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tonie Ann Gallegos

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Melissa D. Byers, Stenographer

IV. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There were no guests.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: A motion was made by Member Gonzales, seconded by Member Trujillo-Gonzales to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 18, 2019

Member Block requested that the following changes be made to the December 18, 2019 minutes:

- on page 2, second paragraph, delete “State Department of Aging” and insert, in lieu thereof, “Aging & Long-Term Services Department”;
- on page 3, third paragraph, last sentence, remove the word “not” so the sentence reads: “The money is categorical, it can only be used for designated programs.”
- On page 4, the first sentence, delete “vent” and insert “event” in lieu thereof.

MOTION: A motion was made by Member Gonzales, seconded by Member Sanchez, to approve the Minutes of the December 18, 2019 meeting, as corrected. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VII. DSS DIRECTORS REPORT

Mr. Rinaldi said Seniors is doing good, just been busy. Brenda Ortiz retired. She held a key position as a data entry person. She didn't train anybody before she left. In her absence, he and Ms. Lugi Gonzales have been working with AAA to get the report in. He acknowledged Ms. Gonzales' hard work. Another staff person is being trained. She just completed a sequence of tests. In the meantime, he would like to reclassify the position to a project specialist. It would allow employees within the organization to move up in the organization.

Mr. Block asked if the person who's in training is currently employed with the City.

Mr. Rindali said she's currently a staff person who is taking on additional responsibilities.

Mr. Rinaldi said the vacancy for the volunteer programs hasn't been filled. They finished interviews and selected somebody. If that person does not take the job, they have a good second.

Related to safety concerns, Mr. Rinaldi said the City has to come up with safety policies because of the employee who died at the Convention Center. OSHA is all over this and cited the City for negligence. The City has been doing safety training. They want him to look at the work areas and identify hazards. He also needs to recommend the type

of safety items that are needed for the Division. He is going to do a hazard assessment. He asked each of the managers to meet with him and go over the assessment. He asked if anyone on the Board is interested in helping with the hazard assessment.

Member Gonzales and Member Block volunteered to assist Mr. Rinaldi.

Member Gonzales asked if they have a monthly safety meeting.

Mr. Rinaldi said they used to have a safety meeting, but this is more about assessing what we do.

Chair Romero said there is a potential safety violation with the TV in the exercise room. The way the wires are hanging, it creates a safety hazard.

Mr. Rinaldi said he would look at that, he thought it had been addressed. Maybe a new TV needs to be purchased. He said sometimes safety hazards can't be fixed, they have to be removed

Mr. Rinaldi made a distinction as to what the assessment is for. He said it is related to job hazards. For example, the drivers and what hazards they face when driving or removing a client from the vans. The resolution would be that the driver would need to wear protective equipment such as steel toe shoes. The cooks would need fire retardant clothing.

Regarding electrical hazards, the City is not going to fix anything electrical because of that incident at the Convention Center. All electrical work is being contracted out.

Member CdeBaca asked if these are OSHA issues that are being addressed.

Chair Romero clarified that there is senior safety and employee safety.

Member Block said back in the 1980s the City had a Safety Office. He asked if there is still a safety office.

Mr. Rinaldi said the City has a Safety Office.

Mr. Rinaldi said there's a AAA provider meeting "today" and the advisory board meeting is "tomorrow". Chair Romero and Member Gonzales confirmed that they would be attending.

Mr. Rinaldi said he's concerned that people keep quitting at AAA and the people they are dealing with don't know what the City provides. He's most concerned with the money. He's getting ready to do the City budget and he's looking at the State. He sent an email to the director of AAA asking where the additional money is that they promised at the beginning of the fiscal year is. The City usually gets \$170,000 in NSIP (nutritional

supplemental income program) funds. The first part in the amount of \$111,000 was received. He was told that the rest of the allocation would come; it hasn't come yet.

He said we're dealing with the NSIP shortfall. He programmed for less and received more because he only programmed for half a year versus the full year. It's hard to get the numbers. The AAA in the 2019 budget gave X amount. At the end of April, he talked about the increase of about \$171,000. By the time Council approved, it was the end of May. Looking at the start of last year's budget and then look at this year's budget, they cut the City about \$10,000 per program which equates to about \$54,000.

There's a lot of smoke and mirrors coming up with the \$25 million dollars that the Governor wants to fund. This would be one-time only funding, not reoccurring. It is not a good thing to get saddled with that sort of money. He's waiting to see what the secretary says about the reoccurring budget.

Member Block asked if the LFC executive recommendations have come out.

Mr. Rinaldi said that on Friday, there will be a hearing with one of the committees. He won't be attending, but he'll let everyone know when it is. .

Mr. Rinaldi said the program numbers are being met. Part of the problem is the numbers got lower. He wants to be exceeding the numbers in hopes that there's extra money at the end of the fiscal year that's available. He'll get it at the end of the fiscal year, but it won't be seen in the budget until the new fiscal year.

VIII. UNFINISHED OTHER BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. COMMENTS FROM FLOOR

XI. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

February 19, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center.

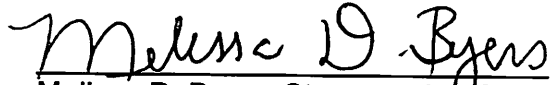
XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at approximately 10:34 a.m.

Approved by:

Andres Romero, Chair

Submitted by:



Melissa D. Byers, Stenographer for
Byers Organizational Support Services