



Agenda

DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center
1121 Alto Street
Wednesday, November 21, 2018 (Time: 9:30 a.m.)

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ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

November 21, 2018

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MINUTES OF THE
DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 21, 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 present for conducting official business as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andres Romero, Chairperson
Mary Louise Giron, Vice Chairperson
Bernardo C de Baca
Tonie Ann Gallegos
Dennis Gonzales
Virginia Lucero
Corrine Sanchez
Rod Winget

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rosemary Trujillo-Gonzales, Secretary, excused

STAFF PRESENT

Lugi Gonzales, Division of Senior Services
Kyra Ochoa, Community Services Division Director
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 Corrine Sanchez 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: October 17, 2018 meeting

MOTION: A motion was made by Dennis Gonzales, seconded by Tonie Ann Gallegos to approve the Minutes of the October 17, 2018 meeting.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT-Gino Rinaldi

Gino Rinaldi said things are going well.

He introduced the new Community Services Division Director, Kyra Ochoa noting that she comes from Santa Fe County where she worked for four years.

Kyra Ochoa gave a brief history of her background. She was originally born in New York City and grew up in Taos and Santa Fe. She attended elementary school in Santa Fe. She has three children.

She said she is from Santa Fe County, as Gino Rinaldi said. She mentioned while employed at Santa Fe County, there were some surplus funds in the Santa Fe County Indigent Care fund - due to the many changes with Obama Care and at the State level-and they were able to do a number of things with that funding. One was to start a Healthcare Advocacy Program. They had someone who could help people navigate through the complicated billing system and find resources to assist them with bills and insurance.

She said they were also able to look at the needs of the community, things like housing needs; food needs; and transportation needs. They wanted to explore how they could build a health system and a health and human service system, which would support the work of connecting people to the resources that they need. They started a project called "Accountable Health Community Project" and Krya Ochoa hopes to continue this at the City in some kind of form. She said this is part of the things she was working on at the County and she hopes to continue to work on, in partnership with the Board and staff.

The Board Members introduced themselves to Kyra Ochoa.

Gino Rinaldi continued with the Director's Report.

Units of Services

Gino Rinaldi said the Division of Senior Services served 700 meals for Thanksgiving, which includes all of the other senior sites and homebound meals.

He said the Division of Senior Services is meeting the numbers in all of the units of services with the exception of the Meals on Wheels. These units of services are down a couple of percentage points.

Vacancies

Gino Rinaldi said the Division of Senior Services has hired a new driver and he will start on December 10th. He is an experienced transit driver. Fran Rodriguez's former position has been filled and the Transportation Department is now fully staffed.

Gino Rinaldi reported that they have hired an individual for respite and in-home support services. He started last week and is shadowing the homemaker and respite care providers to see what they do and to meet their clients. He will also ride with the Meals on Wheels staff members the following week.

Gino Rinaldi noted that the Division of Senior Services received funding for the Nutrition Program from AAA but they only received about half of the funding that they normally get. The Contract for this will go before City Council in mid-December and they hope to have an approved contract by January.

Mary Louise Giron asked if there were any Meals on Wheels clients on a waiting list.

Gino Rinaldi said no, they do not have a waiting list for these services.

State Legislative Finance Committee hearings

Gino Rinaldi said he attended the State Legislative Finance Committee hearings and one of the things that came out of there was the advancement of State funds to AAA for senior programs. The State used to advance 12% of State funds to the AAA to help cover the costs for the senior services until the all the funding was released. However, they do not want to continue to do this. Gino Rinaldi said they will have to wait to see how the Legislature addresses this in the January Legislative Session. He is hoping that they will reintegrate the advancement and he should know more in February.

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 will have more information about this at the January Board meeting.

He would like the Board Members to attend. He noted that no money has been put in the budget (by the State-AAA) for seniors, despite the surplus in the State budget.

Area Agency on Aging Advisory Meeting

Gino Rinaldi said the AAA Advisory meeting is scheduled for December 5th and 6th at the Embassy Suites in Albuquerque. He asked Chairman Romero if he received the information about the meeting and if so, is he planning to attend.

Chairman Romero said yes, he received the information and he plans to attend.

Capital Outlay Projects Update

Gino Rinaldi gave an update on the capital outlay projects noting that there are a lot of projects going on. He noted that the bids for the expansion of the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center came in too high and over budget. The state funding for the expansion project of the Mary Esther Gonzales dining area/social hall fell short of what is needed. He mentioned this to the Acting Director and the City did a bond to fund capital projects.

The Division of Senior Services put in an application to fund and complete this project. They identified the project as critical to the MEG operation; therefore, they applied and have been included in the City of Santa Fe gross receipts tax improvement revenue bonds packet. This is a very important bond because it supports many of the critical infrastructure needs in the City of Santa Fe, including the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center. This will be a match: The State will put in \$200,000 and the City will put in \$235,000. This was approved by the City Council. The Division of Senior Services hopes to start construction on this project in March or April. Gino Rinaldi will keep the Board informed.

He mentioned that they are expanding/remodeling the Consuelo Senior Center and the anticipated completion date is the first part of the year. However, they do not have anyone to manage the Center because they do not have the funds to staff it; therefore, they are going to have to figure out how to address this. Presently, there are only volunteers who help at the Center.

He noted that the Luisa Senior Center has been shut down for remodeling also. They are doing tile work in the bathroom and the laundry room. They will be doing a trench for the grease trap in the kitchen and the tile will also be replaced. The Luisa Senior Center will not be open for another 2-3 weeks.

He said the work at the Pasatiempo Senior Center is also undergoing some work. They will be doing various things there; for example, they are putting in new doors.

Gino Rinaldi said the Division of Senior Services put in a request for State Severance Tax Bond funding for two projects. Both projects made it through

however, the Division of Senior Services will only get one-third of the money they need for vehicles. They are planning to ask the City to make up the difference.

Re-appointments of Board Members

Chairman Romero asked Gino Rinaldi if he has heard anything about the reappointments for the Board Members whose terms are expired. He noted that he sent a letter to the Mayor about four months ago regarding this and to invite him to a future meeting but he has not had a response.

Kyra Ochoa asked Chairman Romero to send her a copy of the letter and she will follow up on this.

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. He reported that he and Romella Glorioso-Moss (Special Projects Administrator for the Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Program) met with Southwest Planning who they have identified to assist them in facilitating a retreat and developing a strategic plan. They talked about the design and process for the retreat and Southwest Planning will review this and send back a scope of work to the Division of Senior Services. The location and date of the Retreat will be determined at a later time but the Division of Senior Services is looking at possibly 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 meetings but will be for a longer time.

Gino Rinaldi said the Division of Senior Services is preparing to work on the next area plan which is due in 2020. This plan goes to the State of New Mexico and they present it to the federal government (with regards to the priorities of senior services). The Division of Senior Services hosts a public hearing every year to get feedback from the seniors in the community on what they think are the priorities. Gino Rinaldi said they would like to do this a little different this coming year to receive more feedback.

Chairman Romero asked him if this what was discussed at the last Board meeting under consumer feedback.

Lugi Gonzales said they were talking about doing surveys or having a suggestion box.

Gino Rinaldi said that was in relation to complaints they were getting and how they can improve what the Division of Senior Services is doing now-to get feedback from the consumers.

Chairman Romero referred to the minutes of the last Board meeting regarding the brainstorming session that was discussed. The minutes indicate that he was going to set it up but he thinks staff should help set the brainstorming session up.

Lugi Gonzales asked Chairman Romero if he would like to work with her and staff involved to come up with a date.

Chairman Romero said yes.

Virginia Lucero mentioned that a lady suggested that the Division of Senior Services put a suggestion box like the one they have on Triston-Lovato Armstrong's door.

Chairman Romero said the suggestion box should be more in the open and where more people can see it.

Gino Rinaldi asked if there any questions.

Kyra Ochoa asked him if he anticipates to see an effect here with the closing of the senior center in Rio Arriba.

Gino Rinaldi said no, but they do have seniors who already come from Rio Arriba and more seniors could come here. He said it is concerning that they closed but it becomes costly to operate senior centers.

UNFINISHED/OTHER BUSINESS

SAC

Virginia Lucero said at the last Board meeting and on page 4 of the Minutes, Gino Rinaldi reported that the SAC Board was in the process of dissolving and she wants to call it to the attention of the Board that on October 24th, the Chairwoman of the SAC Board (Connie Duran) met with Gino Rinaldi and turned over a total of \$83,832.73 to the City of Santa Fe. The Secretary of State issued the Certificate of Dissolution on October 26th.

She said there was also a form that they signed that was drawn up by the City Attorney - and on this form the money was signed over to the City of Santa Fe, as a donation to be used for assisting needy seniors, 60 and older, through the City of Santa Fe Division of Senior Services program; or it could be used for the Division of Senior Services Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program.

Virginia Lucero asked the Advisory Board if they feel that the SAC Board should be acknowledged for this donation, maybe through the *Senior Scene* newsletter.

Mary Louise Giron suggested that the Advisory Board discuss this because she did not feel that all of that information should be in the newsletter.

Chairman Romero said they could do a generic statement about the dissolution of the SAC Board and the fact that the funds have been turned over to the City of Santa Fe.

Gino Rinaldi said he would like the Division of Senior Services, with the help of Virginia Lucero (who was a member of SAC Board), to come up with a process for allocating the SAC funds. Once this is done, he will have to go before City Council asking them to put this in the budget. Therefore, this is public record.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Art Show

Chairman Romero noted that he was approached by a couple of senior citizens about the feasibility of having an art show in the late spring at the MEG Senior Center. They could display their work.

Lugi Gonzales said the Division of Senior Services has had this in the past in the fall season but if there is interest, they can work with Albert Chavez to set up a date.

Dennis Gonzales said he was also approached by a gentleman who does bronze sculptures and is interested in having classes at the MEG Center.

Lugi Gonzales asked him if he would be willing to volunteer his time and Dennis Gonzales said yes. They can contact her or Albert Chavez to set this up.

Trips for Senior Citizens

There was discussion about having overnight trips for senior citizens and the vendors who offer these services. Chairman Romero said he may be able to talk to the Albuquerque Coordinator to see how they handle their overnight trips. He hopes to have a report on this at the January 2019 meeting.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

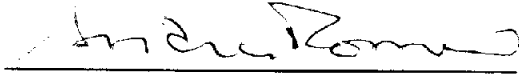
The next meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectively submitted by:


Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer


Andres Romero, Chairperson