



# Agenda

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**DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES  
SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center  
1121 Alto Street  
Wednesday, August 21, 2019 (Time: 9:30 a.m.)

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
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- VII. DSS DIRECTORS REPORT
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**SUMMARY OF MINUTES**  
**DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**August 21, 2019**

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**MINUTES OF THE  
DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
August 21, 2019**

**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**

Invocation led by Dennis Gonzales

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**III. ROLL CALL**

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  
John Block  
Bernardo C de Baca  
Tonie Ann Gallegos  
Dennis Gonzales  
Corrine Sanchez  
Rod Winget

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Virginia Lucero, Resigned  
Rosemary Trujillo-Gonzales, Secretary (Excused)

**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 Block to approve the agenda.

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 17, 2019**

Member Giron stated that on page 2, second to the last paragraph, first line, the word “is” to needs to be changed to “his”.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Member Gonzales, seconded by Member Gallegos, to approve the Minutes of the July 17, 2019 meeting, as amended.

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **VII. DSS DIRECTORS REPORT**

Mr. Rinaldi acknowledged the passing of Virginia Soto who was an advocate for seniors for many years. He asked that the Board have a moment of silence for her.

Mr. Rinaldi said that the musical chairs continues at the state. There is a new cabinet secretary for Aging. Her name is Katrina Holcomb. She’s been around for a while and has worked with the Governor. The governor felt she needed more expertise, so she appointed Ms. Holcomb as secretary.

Mr. Rinaldi said the conference on aging was good. He’s never been a fan of having those kinds of conferences in casinos because there’s such a gambling problem with older adults. He attended some great sessions.

Mr. Rinaldi said the AAA, the contract went through Public Works, then it’ll go to Finance on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and the City Council on September 11<sup>th</sup>. The contracts should be in place by the end of September. They can’t spend any of the money until the contract is signed. Once signed, it’s retroactive to July 1. The state took forever to decide how to roll out the money, then the AAA had to make sure that everything was good. The City lost \$55,000 in AAA Title III monies: \$10,000 in transportation, \$10,000 in homemaker, \$10,000 in congregate, \$10,000 in respite and \$15,000 in meals on wheels. The state doesn’t understand how that happened.

Member Block asked if that was just Santa Fe or was it statewide.

Mr. Rinaldi said he wouldn't say statewide, what they're doing is recouping state money to offset the cuts they did last year.

Mr. Rinaldi talked about Nutritional Supplemental Income Program (NSIP) money from the U.S. Department of Agriculture through the Aging Department. Last year the city got \$183,000, this year the City only got \$111,000. It can't be spent when it comes in because it must get run through Council. It makes it hard to balance. Every time, you see the City Councilors, thank them, because the City's funding it was holds this program together.

Mr. Rinaldi said at the conference the Governor said this is the year of the senior. She's talking about \$25 million dollars for seniors. He wondered if she's trying to create a trust fund. She talked about capital projects and the regular stuff that the City does, over a four-year period. If you take \$25 million and break it down over four years, it's not a lot of money that might be made available. He put in a request through them for a couple of positions one in transportation and the other is a cook supervisor. He feels they need someone to manage the cooks so the program manager can manage the program instead of having to manage the cooks and work in the kitchen. He also requested a case manager. The hardest part with state money is we don't get it directly from the state, we get it from AAA. When he came in 2017, they had experienced a 5.5% cut. Now it's a 10% cut for a total of 15.5% cut. Right now, they pay 20%. He submitted it. They want to do a legislative push. The reality is, unless they change the methodology, "it kills us." They gave the City \$171,000 at the end of the last fiscal year and they had a month to spend.

Chair Romero asked why AAA is limited to 20%.

Mr. Rinaldi said because they can. Because the Legislature said they were all over the place, in terms of the cost.

Mr. Romero asked if they have to go to the Legislature to change it.

Mr. Rinaldi said it wasn't legislated, the AAA said it in committee.

Mr. Romero asked, so why aren't they changing it.

Mr. Rinaldi said because they don't know what to change it to. Thirty-two of the 33 counties are affected; Bernalillo County is the only county that is not under AAA. Mr. Rinaldi said he's goes to the hearings and they don't want to talk about it, because they don't know what to do. They were very favorable about what they were doing, he submitted a request for renovation at the MEG for the arts and crafts and exercise area. He will bring information to the Board so that they aware of what the City is trying to get the Legislature to support.

Mr. Rinaldi said there was a program evaluation of the AAA that went well. They got about an 85%. There were some areas that were evident that there would be issues. It was with nutrition program, there used to be a cook supervisor, but that position was removed. There was also a warehouse person. The whole time that AAA was there, Yvette was doing a lot of cooking because staff had taken time off. It's a tough situation to be in when there is no one to oversee the cooks. They pointed out that the manager doesn't need to cook, just manage. In the warehouse there was a lot of product, they were concerned about the maintenance and control of the stock. They pointed out that the cooks need to use recipes. Transportation looked great. There were a few issues with the in-home program. He felt better about this evaluation than he did on the first one.

Mr. Rinaldi said there's issues with transportation. The handicap vehicles he had ordered have still not arrived. The ones they brought in to use, the lifts are starting to break. Two of the wheelchair vans have been red tagged. He doesn't want to have to spend money to service them, but it looks like he's going to have to.

Member Blocked asked if City fixes those vehicles.

Mr. Rinaldi said the City doesn't have anybody certified to fix those vehicles, so they have to send them to Albuquerque.

Mr. Rinaldi said there are a lot of handicapped people that need the wheelchair lift. He wanted to let the Board know that they may get complaints because at this point, they may have to limit transport to medical appointments.

Mr. Rinaldi said the rest of the programs seem to be flowing.

Ms. Gonzales talked about activities. She said they have Fiesta coming up. On August 30<sup>th</sup>, the Fiesta Court will be at Pasa Tiempo. The Fiesta dance will be at the Eagles on September 5<sup>th</sup>. They have movies and two trips to the state fair, Senior Day and Veterans Day.

Ms. Gonzales said that there is discussion about the Balloon Fiesta, but nothing has been set in stone, but she will update the Board next month.

Ms. Gonzales said the Barbeques are taking place; Luisa will be on August 22<sup>nd</sup>; Ventana will be on August 27<sup>th</sup> and the MEG will have one on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Rinaldi said the City has changed the Finance system which has been a challenge for staff. There have been unintended consequences, it has also had an impact on volunteers. They get a stipend of \$2.50 per hour. Normally, they would turn in their time sheets after two weeks and then they would get paid. The system is now very different. It's been difficult to get checks on time. They were sending letters to volunteers so they could register online as a vendor which was confusing. But, they're trying to stabilize.

## **VIII. UNFINISHED OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished other business.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

- Member Giron said on Mondays, the newspaper has a section about food service inspections. She said that this is the second time that the MEG was cited for refrigeration and freezer issues. She asked if that has been corrected.

Mr. Rinaldi said all the issues that were cited have been taken care of. He said he would provide a copy of his follow-up report regarding these issues to Member Giron, as requested.

- Member Block referred to the portion of Mr. Rinaldi's report when he was talking about the volunteers picking up their stipend checks. He asked if they have a process whereby, they sign for their checks.

Mr. Rinaldi said yes, they did have a process. But now, all the payments will be deposited electronically.

- Member C de Baca handed out placemats that provide information in English and Spanish about social security scams. He thought this was a great informational piece for the seniors. He brought a box of 400 that can be distributed.
- Chair Romero said he would like the Board to send a letter of appreciation to Virginia Lucero who recently resigned from the Board for her service on the Board.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Member Gonzales, seconded by Member Sanchez to send a letter of appreciation to Virginia.

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- Member Wingert reported on hiking club. In July there were 11 people. August was not announced in Senior Scene paper. He said Bernie sent the announcement in, this has happened twice.
- Chair Romero said the book club meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month. The first meeting is a two-hour session at the MEG and the second meeting is a field trip. There are now 15 members in the book club. In September there's three places under consideration for the field trip: the Vietnam Chapel in Angel Fire, Abo and Quarai down by Mountainair; or Castaneda Hotel in Las Vegas. They just finished

reading the book by Tom Chavez, the *History of New Mexico*. The next book will be is by the City Historian, Andrew Lovato.

- Chair Romero said sometime in October there's going to be a genealogy seminar. The dates will be announced.
- Member Giron commended the staff for the 2018/2019 accomplishments that were published in the Senior Scene newsletter.
- Member Wingert brought up the information he had distributed a couple of months prior regarding Blue Zones which is a preventative health care program for the City. He is looking for an endorsement by the Board regarding Blue Zones.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Member Wingert, seconded by Member Block to endorse the investigation of the feasibility and desirability of a Blue Zones project for Santa Fe as described in a paper written by Member Wingert entitled *A Blue Zone Project for Santa Fe*.

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

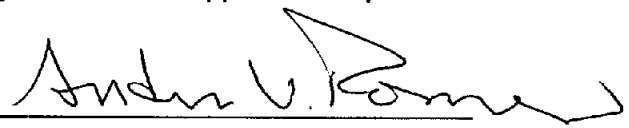
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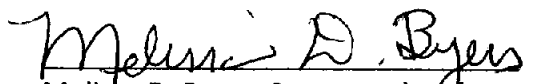
**XI. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting will be on September 18, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the MEG Center.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at approximately 10:30 a.m.

  
Andres Romero, Chair

  
Melissa D. Byers, Stenographer for  
Byers Organizational Support Services