

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the
Alejandro Ruiz Senior Center Advisory Board
Held at the Alejandro Ruiz Senior Center
120 Kircher Street
On December 6, 2023**

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pat Jones	Chairperson
Jim Grantner	Vice Chairperson
Liz Gordy	Board Member
Tony Hernandez	Board Member
Julia Williams	Board Member

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

None.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Amparo C. Vasquez	Alejandro Ruiz Senior Center Manager
Corina Yrigollen	Alejandro Ruiz Senior Center Assistant Manager

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:

None.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dale Janway	Mayor
John Lowe	City Administrator

1. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Roll call of those present was taken by Pat Jones, Chairperson. It was determined that a quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF DECEMBER 6, 2023:

After a review of the December 6, 2023 Agenda, J. Grantner moved that the Agenda be approved and was seconded by L. Gordy.

The vote was as follows: Yes: P. Jones, J. Grantner, L. Gordy, T. Hernandez and J. Williams.

No: None. The motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2023 REGULAR MEETING:

The motion was made by J. Grantner and seconded by T. Hernandez that the Minutes of the September 6, 2023 Meeting be approved.

The vote was as follows: Yes: P. Jones, J. Grantner, L. Gordy, T. Hernandez and J. Williams.

No: None. The motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2023 CALENDAR OF WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Mealsite serving Daily Meals from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm
CCVN Advisory Board Meeting – 1st Monday of the month
Alejandro Ruiz Center Advisory Board Meeting – 1st Wednesday of the month
Line Dancing: Monday and Thursday from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm
Exercise Room: Monday through Friday from 7 am to 5 pm
Chair Aerobics/Chair Yoga: Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 am to 11 am
Healing Yoga: Mondays and Fridays from 11 am to 12 pm
Pool Players: Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm
Coloring: Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm
Tuesday Afternoon Bingo: Tuesday from 1 pm to 4 pm
Blood Pressure Checks: Thursday 10 am to 11am
Quilters/Sewing: Thursdays from 8 am to 5 pm
Loteria (Mexican Bingo): Tuesday from 10 am to 11 am
The Jammers Music Group: Thursday from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
Crafts: Thursday from 8 am to 5 pm
Computer Classes: by appointment

A motion was made to approve the December 2023 calendar of weekly activities by J. Williams and seconded by L. Gordy.

The vote was as follows: Yes: P. Jones, J. Grantner, L. Gordy, T. Hernandez and J. Williams.

No: None. The motion carried.

5. MONTHLY REPORTS FOR SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2023:

Ms. Vasquez reported that the total number of patrons served for the month of November 2023 was 1,632, which does not include the meal count for the month. We had fifteen new members sign up for November 2023.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT:

Ms. Vasquez reported the following:

During the month of November:

The ARSC Advisory Board regular meeting was scheduled for the 1st, however, a quorum was not present. The Age Friendly Committee monthly meeting was held on the 1st. The Center had a Craft and Bake Sale on Saturday the 4th from 8 am to 1 pm. The CCVN Advisory Board met on the 6th. A representative with Apex made a presentation to the seniors regarding Medicare. A memorial celebration was held on the 9th to honor our Senior Veterans for Veteran's Day. We were able to provide a gift card to the Veterans. The Meal Site and Center were closed on Friday the 10th in honor of Veteran's Day. The Age Friendly Committee hosted a Casino Trip to Hobbs, NM for the seniors on the 10th. The Meal Site hosted 179 patrons for the Thanksgiving Dinner on the 16th. The Kitchen and Center were closed on the 23rd and 24th for the Thanksgiving holiday. The November birthdays were celebrated on the 30th.

Upcoming Events for December:

The Age Friendly Committee has scheduled a Senior Shopping Trip to the Outlet Mall in El Paso for the 1st of December. The CCVN Advisory Board met on the 4th and the ARSC Advisory Board regular meeting met on the 6th. The Age Friendly Committee meeting was held on the 6th. The United Way has a meeting scheduled here at the Center on the 11th. Mega Bingo is scheduled for the 12th from 1 pm to 4 pm. The Center will host a Christmas Party for the Seniors on the 14th at 10:30 am. We will have our Christmas Dance the evening of the 15th from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. The ARSC and CCVN Advisory Boards will be honored with a Christmas Party on the 20th at 1:30 pm. The Meal Site will serve their Christmas Dinner on the 22nd from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. The Meal Site and the Center will be closed on the 25th and the 26th for the Christmas Holiday.

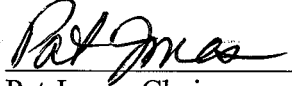
Mrs. Vasquez reported that the Center has received the grant money for Phase III, which will afford the renovations to additional rooms for the Center. The new weight machine and treadmills have been ordered and we expect them to arrive soon.

7. REVIEW RECOMMENDATION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER:

After a review of the names submitted by the Board of potential new board members, it was voted and approved that Robert Echavarria be appointed as a member to the ARSC Advisory Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Pat Jones declared the Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.



Pat Jones, Chairperson