

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the  
Alejandro Ruiz Senior Center Advisory Board  
Held at the Alejandro Ruiz Senior Center  
120 Kircher Street  
On February 7, 2024**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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| Pat Jones         | Chairperson  |
| Robert Echavarria | Board Member |
| Liz Gordy         | Board Member |
| Tony Hernandez    | Board Member |
| Julia Williams    | Board Member |

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:**

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| Jim Grantner | Vice Chairperson |
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**OTHERS PRESENT:**

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

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:**

None.

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| Rick Lopez   | Mayor                      |
| Wendy Austin | Interim 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 FEBRUARY 7, 2024:**

After a review of the February 7, 2024 Agenda, T. Hernandez moved that the Agenda be approved and was seconded by L. Gordy.

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

No: None. The motion carried.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2023 REGULAR MEETING:**

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

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

No: None. The motion carried.

**4. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2024 CALENDAR OF WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:**

Mealsite serving Daily Meals from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm  
CCVN Advisory Board Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month  
Alejandro Ruiz Center Advisory Board Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month  
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  
Zumba: Wednesdays and Fridays from 4:30 pm to 5:30 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

The Board reviewed the February 2024 Newsletter. No additions or corrections were required.

**5. MONTHLY REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 2023 AND JANUARY 2024**

Ms. Vasquez reported that the total number of patrons served for the month of December 2023 was 3,018. We had eleven new members sign up for December 2023.

The total number of patrons served for the month of January 2024 was 3,528. Eighteen new members signed up during January 2024.

## 6. MANAGER'S REPORT:

Ms. Vasquez reported the following:

During the month of January:

The Center was closed on the 1<sup>st</sup> for the New Year's Day holiday. The CCVN Advisory Board did not meet on the 1<sup>st</sup>. The ARSC Advisory Board regular meeting was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Age Friendly Committee monthly meeting was also held on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Zumba classes have been moved from Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:30 am to Wednesdays and Fridays at 4:30 pm. The Center was closed on the 15<sup>th</sup> in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The January evening dance was held on the 19<sup>th</sup>. January birthdays were celebrated on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Upcoming Events for February:

The CCVN Advisory Board met on the 5<sup>th</sup> and the ARSC Advisory Board regular meeting was on the 7<sup>th</sup>. State Income Tax Rebate preparation began Wednesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm and will continue every Wednesday at 1:30 pm until the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. Our Valentine's Dance is scheduled for the 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. The Third Annual Janel Whitlock Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance Party will be held on Saturday, the 10<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 10 pm. We will have a Valentine's Day Party for the seniors on the morning of the 14<sup>th</sup>. The Kitchen will be closed on the 19<sup>th</sup> in honor of President's Day. The Age Friendly Committee has scheduled a bus trip to the Travel Center Casino in Ruidoso, New Mexico on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The February birthdays will be celebrated on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Vasquez reported that the Center received the grant money for Phase II. This will include the extension of the parking lot, landscaping, completion of the roof, to include screens on the heating and cooling units, and the construction of a canopy for the front entrance. Also, a fence will be installed around the parking to allow the Mealsite to safely park their food delivery trucks and vans here at the Alejandro Ruiz Senior Center.

Ms. Vasquez and the Board welcomed our new Board Member, Robert Echavarria.

## ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Pat Jones declared the Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.

  
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Pat Jones, Chairperson