

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the
Alejandro Ruiz Senior Center Advisory Board
Held at the Alejandro Ruiz Senior Center
120 Kircher Street
On March 6, 2024**

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:

Robert Echavarria	Board Member
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OTHERS PRESENT:

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 Jim Grantner, Vice-Chairperson. It was determined that a quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF MARCH 6, 2024:

After a review of the March 6, 2024 Agenda, L. Gordy moved that the Agenda be approved and was seconded by T. Hernandez.

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 FEBRUARY 7, 2024 REGULAR MEETING:

The motion was made by T. Hernandez and seconded by J. Williams that the Minutes of the February 7, 2024 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 MARCH 2024 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
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 11 am
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 March 2024 Newsletter. No additions or corrections were required.

5. MONTHLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2024:

Ms. Vasquez reported that the total number of patrons served for the month of February 2024 was 1,827, which does not include the meal count. We had eighteen new members sign up in February 2024.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT:

Ms. Vasquez reported the following:

During the month of February:

The CCVN Advisory Board met on the 5th. The ARSC Advisory Board regular meeting was held on the 7th and the Age Friendly Committee monthly meeting was also held on the 7th. The Income Tax Rebates are held every Wednesday from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm, and will continue until the April 15th deadline. Our evening Valentine Dance was held on the 9th and the Valentine Party was on the 14th at 10:30 am. The Kitchen was closed on the 19th in honor of President's Day. The Age Friendly Casino Trip to Ruidoso was on the 23rd. February birthdays were celebrated on the 29th.

Upcoming Events for March:


The CCVN Advisory Board met on the 6th and the ARSC Advisory Board regular meeting was on the 7th and Age Friendly Committee also met on the 7th. State Income Tax Rebate every Wednesday from 1:30 pm to 4 pm until the April 15th deadline. The St. Patrick's Day Party will be held on the 15th at 10:30 am. Our Easter Party and Easter Bonnet Contest is scheduled for the 28th at 10:30 am. We will have prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place Bonnets. March birthdays will be celebrated on the 28th. The Center will be closed on the 29th in honor of Good Friday.

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 secure the Mealsite delivery trucks and vans. They will commence work in the building's old library to provide more room for activities.

We now have new tables for the dining room that accommodate eight chairs per table. The fact that there will be more individuals sitting at the tables will be more enjoyable and encourage socializing for our congregate seniors.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, Vice-Chairperson Jim Grantner declared the Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.



Jim Grantner, Vice-Chairperson