

**Minutes of the
North Mesa Senior Recreation Center Advisory Board
held at North Mesa Senior Recreation Center
Regular Meeting
1112 N. Mesa
Wednesday, October 9, 2019,**

Voting Members Present:

Sally Garner	Board Member
Helen DeAnda	Board Member
Beth Fredrick	Board Member
Jean Loafman	Board Member

Voting Members Absent:

Jigger Skillern	Board Member
Jay Redman	Board Member
Ysidro Molinar	Board Member

Board Secretary Present:

Dina Navarrette	Center Manager
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Others Present:

Cherie Folk	Center Assistant Manager
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1. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Roll call of those present was taken at 3:04 p.m. by Chairperson Sally Garner. It was determined that a quorum was present.

2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Jean Loafman and seconded by Beth Fredrick to approve the October 9th 2019 agenda. The vote was as follows:

Yes- Helen DeAnda, Beth Fredrick, Jean Loafman, and Sally Garner

No-

Absent- Jay Redman, Jigger Skillern, Ysidro Molinar

3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AUGUST 14, 2019 and SEPTEMBER 11, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Due to incorrect August minutes for review at the September meeting the corrected ones were submitted at this meeting along with the September minutes. A motion was made by Beth Fredrick and seconded by Helen DeAnda to approve both sets of minutes.

Yes- Helen DeAnda, Beth Fredrick, Jean Loafman, and Sally Garner,

No-

Absent- Jay Redman, Ysidero Molinar, Jigger Skillern

4. DISCUSS OUTCOME OF COURSE OF ACTION RELATING TO MEMBER COMPLAINT

Dina informed the board that she spoke to Wayne Hughes in response to the complaint that had been filed with the Advisory Board. Dina added she is confident Mr. Hughes will conduct himself in an appropriate manner and ask management for help should a conflict with another member arise. Mr. Hughes was very remorseful that his actions resulted in the complaint and required the actions of the board. Dina brought to the board's attention that Christina Mann, who filed the incident report in regard to the confrontation with Mr. Hughes met with her, Department Director Angie Barrios-Testa and City Assistant Attorney Denise Madrid Boyea. The discussion with Ms. Mann was to make a final determination about the status of her service dog. Mrs. Madrid Boyea determined that the dog meets the ADA requirements to be considered a service dog and therefore will be allowed to accompany Ms. Mann on her visits to the center. Dina handed out information of *Frequently Asked Questions about Service Animals and the ADA* provided by Ms. Madrid Boyea for the board to review. (Attachment A) Questions regarding this particular situation were high-lighted to show the rules and regulations that we need to abide by regarding service animals. Dina added that she will direct staff to document any reports from members regarding the service dog should any problems arise.

5. DISCUSS CURRENT FY 2019-2020 BUDGET

Dina caught the board up on the current budget stating all requested money has now been approved for the FY19-20 budget. Overall the budget is in good shape and she will continue to encumber the funds as quickly as possible.

6. UPDATE & DISCUSS MAINTENANCE, CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS

Dina updated the board of the following:

- **Lapidary Remodel** – The 96” stainless steel tables are reordered with the same company and should be delivered within the next few weeks. Electrical and Plumbing work will also continue as supply items arrive. Dina is now looking at January to be up and running.
- **Bingo Monitors** - Are up and running.

6. UPDATE ON NMSR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Dina informed the board of the following:

- **Ice Cream Social/ Open House** - Dina reminded the members that the upcoming Ice Cream Social/ Open House is in TBD status for a Spring event.
- **Craft Fair** - The Craft Fair will be held October 26th. Dina informed board members that as of today's meeting there are 17 vendors signed up including several center members.
- **Bingo** – Our first weekly Wednesday night Bingo was a huge success! There were over 40 paying customers, and a very successful concession stand. Approximately \$1,200.00 was paid out in wins. Dina showed the members the Bingo master pack and the bonus strips of 3 explaining the “New” Bingo of today.

7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, November, 13 at 3:00 p.m.

8. Adjournment

Motion made by Jean Loafman and seconded by Beth Fredrick to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Minutes approved on behalf of the North Mesa Senior Recreation Center Advisory Board:

Sally Garner

13 Nov 2019

Sally Garner, Chairperson

Date



Frequently Asked Questions about Service Animals and the ADA

Many people with disabilities use a service animal in order to fully participate in everyday life. Dogs can be trained to perform many important tasks to assist people with disabilities, such as providing stability for a person who has difficulty walking, picking up items for a person who uses a wheelchair, preventing a child with autism from wandering away, or alerting a person who has hearing loss when someone is approaching from behind.

The Department of Justice continues to receive many questions about how the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) applies to service animals. The ADA requires State and local government agencies, businesses, and non-profit organizations (covered entities) that provide goods or services to the public to make "reasonable modifications" in their policies, practices, or procedures when necessary to accommodate people with disabilities. The service animal rules fall under this general principle. Accordingly, entities that have a "no pets" policy generally must modify the policy to allow service animals into their facilities. This publication provides guidance on the ADA's service animal provisions and should be read in conjunction with the publication *ADA Revised Requirements: Service Animals*.

DEFINITION OF SERVICE ANIMAL

Q1: What is a service animal?

A: Under the ADA, a service animal is defined as a dog that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability. The task(s) performed by the dog must be directly related to the person's disability.

Q2: What does "do work or perform tasks" mean?

A: The dog must be trained to take a specific action when needed to assist the person with a disability. For example, a person with diabetes may have a dog that is trained to alert him when his blood sugar reaches high or low levels. A person with depression may have a dog that is trained to remind her to take her medication. Or, a person who has epilepsy may have a dog that is trained to detect the onset of a seizure and then help the person remain safe during the seizure.

BREEDS

Q22: Can service animals be any breed of dog?

A: Yes. The ADA does not restrict the type of dog breeds that can be service animals.

Q23: Can individuals with disabilities be refused access to a facility based solely on the breed of their service animal?

A: No. A service animal may not be excluded based on assumptions or stereotypes about the animal's breed or how the animal might behave. However, if a particular service animal behaves in a way that poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others, has a history of such behavior, or is not under the control of the handler, that animal may be excluded. If an animal is excluded for such reasons, staff must still offer their goods or services to the person without the animal present.

Q24: If a municipality has an ordinance that bans certain dog breeds, does the ban apply to service animals?

A: No. Municipalities that prohibit specific breeds of dogs must make an exception for a service animal of a prohibited breed, unless the dog poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others. Under the "direct threat" provisions of the ADA, local jurisdictions need to determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether a particular service animal can be excluded based on that particular animal's actual behavior or history, but they may not exclude a service animal because of fears or generalizations about how an animal or breed might behave. It is important to note that breed restrictions differ significantly from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. In fact, some jurisdictions have no breed restrictions.

EXCLUSION OF SERVICE ANIMALS

Q25: When can service animals be excluded?

A: The ADA does not require covered entities to modify policies, practices, or procedures if it would "fundamentally alter" the nature of the goods, services, programs, or activities provided to the public. Nor does it overrule legitimate safety requirements. If admitting service animals would fundamentally alter the nature of a service or program, service animals may be prohibited. In addition, if a particular service animal is out of control and the handler does not take effective action to control it, or if it is not housebroken, that animal may be excluded.

Q26: When might a service dog's presence fundamentally alter the nature of a service or program provided to the public?

A: In most settings, the presence of a service animal will not result in a fundamental alteration. However, there are some exceptions. For example, at a boarding school, service animals could be restricted from a specific area of a dormitory reserved specifically for students with allergies to dog dander. At a zoo, service animals can be restricted from areas where the animals on display are the natural prey or natural predators of dogs, where the presence of a dog would be disruptive, causing the displayed animals to behave aggressively or become agitated. They cannot be restricted from other areas of the zoo.