

**Minutes of the  
North Mesa Senior Recreation Center Advisory Board  
North Mesa Senior Recreation Center  
Regular Meeting  
1112 N. Mesa  
Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Voting Members Present:**

Jean Loafman	Chairperson
Beth Frederick	Vice-Chairperson
Juanita Jojola	Board Member
Jay Redman	Board Member
John Caraway	Board Member

**Voting Members Absent:**

Margaret McClure	Board Member
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**Ex-Officio Members Present:**

Angie Barrios-Testa	Director of Municipal Services
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**Board Secretary Present:**

Dina Navarrette	Center Manager
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**Others Present**

Maria Brito	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 2:30 p.m. by Chairperson Jean Loafman. It was determined that a quorum was present.

**2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by John Caraway and seconded by Jay Redman to approve the agenda of July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The vote was as follows:

Yes- Beth Frederick, John Caraway, Jay Redman, Bob Rostro, Juanita Jojola, Jean Loafman.

**3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Beth Frederick and seconded by Jay Redman to approve the agenda of June 14, 2023. The vote was as follows:

Yes- Beth Frederick, John Caraway, Jay Redman, Bob Rostro, Juanita Jojola, Jean Loafman.

**4. DISCUSS FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET AND PURCHASING**

Dina passed out a copy of the Year-to-Date Budget (See attachment 1) to show where the budget stands. The funds to cover yearly utility and contractual services such as alarm monitoring, lapidary maintenance, and copier lease and usage have been encumbered, leaving approximately \$50,000 for all expenses throughout the year. Two capital funding requests to the City budget committee to repair the front doors and replace the automatic mechanism under ADA requirements and purchase center management software were approved. The new software will log data, check-in members, communicate with members via automated phone calls and text messages, and manage all room schedules.

**5. DISCUSS POSSIBLE GRANT FUNDING**

In previous years, Dina had spoken to the NMSRC Advisory Board about an outdoor recreation area in front of the center and updating the parking area. Dina turned the floor over to Angie Barrios-Testa to speak about two grants Angie applied for from the State Aging and Long Term Services Department. One is from funding set aside by legislation for Senior Centers with emergency needs. The center received \$6000 through the agency to convert lighting throughout the facility to LED. In addition, Capital outlay appropriations are made to the Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD) to fund senior center projects statewide to both local government and tribal governments. Projects include new construction and renovations, including equipment, and the purchase of vehicles. Last year Angie applied for a \$400,000 grant to resurface all parking areas and design and construct an outdoor recreation area with shaded outdoor equipment and picnic tables. This grant would also allow the upgrade of outdoor security cameras. The funding was approved and will be available as soon as the city receives and approves the grant agreement.

In addition, state legislators appropriated Junior Funding allocated to senior centers for needed equipment. The city received \$100,000 to share between Alejandro Ruiz Senior Center and North Mesa Senior Center for equipment or necessary improvements.

**6. DISCUSS FACILITY MAINTENANCE**

We are in the process of scheduling Facility Maintenance to paint the Auditorium and the Pool Room. Door combination locks will be ordered and installed on the Safe room door. Added outdoor electrical outlets near the outdoor storage rooms and along the wall on the east side of the property will expand the number of vendors at our annual craft fairs. Additionally, lighting inside the outdoor storage rooms will allow access after dark. Angie said that this type of project would also be permitted to be used from the Junior Funding grant since these falls into the criteria of improvements.

**7. UPDATE ON NMSRC CURRENT ACTIVITY SCHEDULE AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

- **Center**
  - **Arts & Crafts Schedule**- Craft fair will be in November
  - **Line Dance Instructors Workshop- August 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**
- **Age Friendly**
  - **Ruidoso Casino Trip July 14th**
  - **Green Chile Cheeseburger Cook Off – June 17th** – the cook-off was a huge success. The determination has been to have the cook off in the fall starting next year, either in August or September.
  - **Loco Lagoon Trip**- TBD Date still has yet to be decided. Once decided, Dina will design and post a flyer.
  - **Shopping Trip**- December 1<sup>st</sup> will be to El Paso. A registration sheet will be available closer to the date.

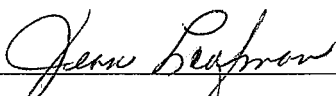
**8. ANNOUNCE THE NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME OF August 9th, 2023 2:30 PM.**

Chairperson, Jean Loafman announced next month's meeting date and time.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:16PM

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

  
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Jean Loafman, Chairperson

9-13-2022  
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Date