

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
COUNTY OF CURRY) ss.

The City of Clovis Commission on Older Adults met in regular session at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, November 9th, 2017 in the Assembly Room of the Bert Cabiness City Government Center, 321 Connelly, Clovis, New Mexico, in full conformity with the laws of the State of New Mexico and the ordinances and resolutions if said city with the following members present:

Ms. Donna Labatt, Chairperson
Ms. Constance Williams
Ms. Janice Martinez
Ms. Melinda Coslett
Barbara Riggan

ABSENT:

Mr. Michael Popescu
City Commissioner Tom Martin

EX-OFFICIO Present:

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County Commissioner, Chet Spear

ALSO PRESENT:

Claire Burroughes
Members of the Public

Chairperson Labatt called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and established the presence of a quorum.

Agenda Item No. 3 – Approval of Minutes of September

Ms. Coslet moved for approval with corrections; Ms. Williams seconded the motion, which carried by acclamation.

Agenda Item No. 4 – New Business

- a. Senior Services Director Plan, Barbara Riggan

Chairperson Labatt introduced Barbara Riggan as the new Senior Services Director. Ms. Riggan gave a presentation regarding her vision for the department.

- b. New Facility

Chairperson Labatt advised the commission acted unanimously to locate the new senior services center at Hillcrest Park. The next step is for them to come up with recommendations for membership of the task force. She advised she would like to be on the task force. Constance Williams (Commission on Older Adults), Melinda Coslett (Commission on Older Adults), Cherise Perez (CRSMA), Darlene ? (La Casa Senior Center).

Ms. Burroughes advised regarding the timeline for receiving funding. Ms. Labatt felt they could move forward with discussing the matter regarding who would be housed at the new facility.

Chairperson Labatt advised she had been checking out senior centers around the state and had seen some very nice centers.

Agenda Item No. 5 – Old Business

Nothing.

Agenda Item No. 6 – Reports

Ms. Riggan advised regarding up and coming activities. The Thanksgiving dinner at Baxter-Curren is next Monday at 5:30 p.m. The City will provide baked chicken. The Pink Ladies will meet at Baxter on the 14th for their luncheon. Friendship will have their dinner November 16th at 3:30 p.m. Medicare open enrollment will be at Baxter November 28th from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and November 29th at Friendship from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. November 14th from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on a walk-in basis.

Baxter-Curren served 45 veterans and 38 guests this morning at the Veterans' breakfast.

La Casa Senior Center

Darlene Gonzales – Open Enrollment. Seniors at La Casa decided to have Thanksgiving meal November 19th from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. The center will provide the turkey and dressing and everyone else brings a dish. The Veterans' Resource Day November 17th. La Casa is providing transportation for this. The bazaar/bake sale is tomorrow at the Center. November 10th and December 8th starting at 9:00 a.m. It will be the first bazaar.

Senior Olympics

Melinda Coslett advised they had their 42 Domino tournament last weekend which went well. La Casa donated some door prizes. Health Fair November 14th which is funding by the state and Senior Olympics hosts this. If they don't have a good showing they will go to the bottom of the list. They will do breakout workshops, blood pressure. The event is 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Roy Walker. Bring your own lunch.

RSVP

Suzanne Zamora advised there are 102 members in RSVP and they have 2 volunteer stations – Freedom Foundation and the Lighthouse Mission. They are not counting their AARP tax assistant volunteers as they are not serving yet. Once they start the numbers will go up again. The Foster Grandparent Program are funded for 11 and have 10. There will be 2 vacancies at the beginning of next year. She had some free prescription cards for Curry County. She has advertised the health fair and talked about it at their in-service meeting today. They are having a recognition luncheon on November 18th. Meals on Wheels are having an arts and crafts fair from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. this Saturday at CCC for a fundraiser as they are low on funds. They have a newsletter which they send out monthly. They are part of the Curry County Health Council. There are 43 members on their roster including non-profits, businesses and the hospital. They meet on the third Thursday of the month on Gidding at the County Chambers, from noon-1:00 p.m. It is a great way to get volunteers to help with projects.

CRSMA

Cherise Perez advised they served 728 seniors today for their Thanksgiving dinner. At the beginning of December they will receive their new fridge/freezer. Barbara is working with her to get things fixed at the center until the new senior center is built. They are having some funding issues at the moment, but will get that figured out. She will be providing fliers to give a free meal at CRSMA to the people attending the health fair.

Agenda Item No. 7 – For the Good of the Order

Ms. Labatt said she will have a booth for Veterans Resource Day for Veteran women on November 17th from 9:00 a.m.-noon. She would like a Commission on Older Adults booth. Melinda Coslett said she could help from 10:00 a.m.-noon. Constance Williams said she could help from 9:00 a.m.-noon. Barbara Riggan said they were having a First Responders Luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce November 17th and she was expecting 100 people for lunch. Cherise has lanyards for CRSMA and handouts. Barbara Riggan will have calendars to handout. Claire will provide pins and other city items.

Next meeting January 11th, 2018 at City Hall.

Agenda Item No. 8 – Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.