FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

April 19, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

Armida Arredondo
Celia Caldera
Santiago Gonzalez
Romana Grijalva
Ruben Rodriguez
Maritza Ruley
Maria Luz Elena Villanueva

ABSENT

Nelda Antunez

GUEST

Lisle Davis

STAFF

Maria I. Valdivia
Beatriz Rivera
Rosario Ortiz
Janet Gonzalez

Quorum met.

CALL TO ORDER

Santiago Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes for the previous meeting were reviewed, no correction or discussions made, motion made by Romana Grijalva to approve, Maritza Ruley seconded, motion passed.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Santiago Gonzalez welcomed everyone and introduced himself. The council members and staff also introduced themselves. Lisle Davis introduced himself.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The program has reported in the financial report that the program is where it should be. It has expended the funds it should have by the six month period. The service hours will be slowing down during the summer. Many of the volunteers do not serve during the summer. The volunteer that decide to rest during the summer are the volunteers that have been enrolled in the program the longest. In order to maintain the hours, the program will allow volunteers to service six hours instead of four. The year rounds sites always welcome volunteer during the summer. There are site with the El Paso Parks and Recreation. There are centers opened during Club Rec and many need volunteers to assist them.

COMMITTEE REPORT

None to report.

OLD BUSINESS

None to report

NEW BUSINESS

It is time for the site evaluations. This evaluation is presented to the volunteer sites. They evaluate the program and the staff. Advisory members were given the opportunity to choose the sites they wanted to contact. The contact can be made in person or by telephone.

District 8 has appointed a new member, Trini Acosta, she should be introduced in the next advisory meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Recognition Banquet is scheduled for Friday, December 1, 2006 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. It will be held at the El Paso Airport Hilton, three bids were taken and the Hilton had the best service and price.

The April in-service is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2006 at the Multi-Purpose center. The in-service is from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Community and Human Development will host and open house for the department at City Hall.

Santiago Gonzalez announced he has resigned his position with the Senior Companion Program. He will be at the Palisades but he mentioned he will still be part of the Foster Grandparent Program Advisory Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Romana Grijalva to adjourn meeting Ruben Rodriguez second, motion passed, meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Reviewed by Maria I. Valdivia *Coordinator*	Approved by Santiago Gonzalez *Program Advisory Council President*
Date	Date