



RSVP Advisory Council Meeting  
Minutes of March 10, 2009

**Members Present**

Amelia S. Clarke      Sofia Ordonez  
Alicia de Jong Davis      Esther Perez  
Marcellus Fullmore      Irma Chavez-Rodriguez  
Kaaren Kimball      William H. Wickline  
Anne Langenfeld  
Julio Norman

**Members Absent**

Sandy Caviness  
Armida H. Hernandez  
Mary S. Newton  
Patricia Williams

**Staff**

Norma Corona  
Henry Drake  
Gilbert Ramirez  
Sandra Serrano

**Call to Order and Quorum Count**

Meeting called to order @ 10:05 am

**Approval of minutes**

Minutes of prior meeting reviewed and approved.

**Announcements/comments**

Mrs. Ordonez introduced new council members: Julio Norman and William Wickline. Mr. Wickline and Mr. Norman briefly spoke about themselves and their volunteer experience. Council members also introduced themselves to the new members.

Norma presented Cora Ramirez with a certificate and a pen set to thank her for serving out her term with the RSVP Advisory Council.

**Unfinished business**

Mrs. Rodriguez expressed concern about the room where the VC training was held. Norma explained that Ysleta does not charge the program for the room and she can't really demand the biggest room since it's free of charge, but will see about asking if they can place us in a bigger room next year. Mrs. Perez also pointed out the sitting arrangement being awkward making it difficult to converse with anyone around her. Mr. Norman suggested having the VC Training at Café Mayapan which he described as having a large open area and that can also provide the catering for the event.

Mrs. Clarke shared with council that the speaker at the VC Training was by far the best we've ever had.

**New business**

Mr. Norman introduced the idea of having a disco play at the Banquet to cut cost. He mentioned having a friend in the business and highly recommends him for the banquet and feels it's something the council should look in to. Mrs. Perez mentioned that the seniors that attend the banquet would dance to anything as long as they play good music. Mr. Norman also suggested looking into the High Schools for the Mariachis.

Norma informed council of the upcoming Pinning Ceremony to be in held in conjunction with Community Development week, which will run from April 12<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>. She explained the Pinning Ceremony would be done along with the Foster Grandparent Program on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am at City Council Chambers.

Norma also spoke on the CDBG Food Drive that would kick off on April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Wal-Mart located at Cielo Vista. She went on to say that this effort was to collect food for the homeless and would benefit different agencies and shelters.

Norma went on to the next event in May which is the Older El Pasoan Hall of Fame. She mentioned that the Hall of Fame Committee was already in place and consists of Community Development staff. Norma also explained that this year nominations would be limited to the first 100 applications due to the fact that it would be opened to the public and placed on the El Paso Times.

**Suggestions for the good of the council**

Mrs. Ordonez asked council and staff if it was okay to recognize everyone's birthday at each council meeting. Council and staff were in agreement and will be posted on the agenda each month starting in April.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

**Next meeting**

May 12, 2009