



RSVP Advisory Council Meeting
Minutes of April 14, 2009

Members Present

Sandy Caviness	Irma Chavez-Rodriguez
Armida H. Hernandez	William H. Wickline
Anne Langenfeld	Patricia Williams
Julio Norman	
Sofia Ordonez	
Esther Perez	

Members Absent

Amelia S. Clarke
Alicia de Jong Davis
Marcellus Fullmore
Kaaren Kimball
Mary S. Newton

Staff

Norma Corona
Henry Drake
Lori Rodriguez
Sandra Serrano
Gilbert Ramirez

Call to Order and Quorum Count

Meeting called to order @ 10:07 am

Approval of minutes

Minutes of prior meeting reviewed and approved.

Announcements/comments

Mrs. Ordonez recognized council members that celebrated a birthday in April and had cake and coffee for everyone.

Unfinished business

Norma informed council that the band Azucar had been booked for this year's Banquet. Mr. Norman questioned the booking of Azucar, since he was under the impression that the issue of the band was still up for discussion. Mrs. Langenfeld did comment that the band Azucar was wonderful to have at the banquet and Mrs. Perez agreed that a band would be better over a disco for the banquet. Norma also mentioned that the fee for Azucar would be \$600.00 for two hours. Mrs. Ordonez suggested that council put it to a vote on having the Azucar band or a disco. After putting it to a vote the majority of 5 to 4 voted for the Azucar band.

Norma reminded council of the Pinning Ceremony to be held on April 16th. She went on to explain that this event was being put together with the Community Development Block Grant Week and was part of the week's events. Mrs. Hernandez asked who was being recognized and pinned at the ceremony. Norma explained new volunteers to the RSVP program would be recognized at event.

Norma went on to the next event to be held May 18th, the Older El Pasoan Hall of Fame. She announced that so far only 20 applications had been submitted, with the deadline being April 16th. She also mentioned that the number of applications was low even though it was announced on the newspaper. Mrs. Ordonez had a suggestion for the Hall of Fame event; she suggested having flower arrangements to decorate each table at the event. She purchased an arrangement at Wal-Mart for \$6.97 and she also put together an arrangement on her own that came out to \$8.00, purchasing the materials at Hobby Lobby. Mrs. Ordonez explained that Wal-Mart could probably donate a \$25.00 gift certificate toward the purchase of the flower arrangements. She informed staff that a letter requesting funds would have to be submitted by Norma.

Norma was concerned that arrangements would be taken from tables and wouldn't be able to re-use for next year. Mrs. Perez suggested announcing it in a nice way not to take the arrangements. Norma asked council to vote on the arrangements and after a unanimous vote the arrangements from Wal-Mart would be considered.

New business

Norma spoke on the week's events that CDBG would be putting together; a calendar of each day's events was given out to council. She encouraged council to try and attend some of the events and also invited them to stop by the 1st floor of City Hall and take a look at the wall display that was set up displaying the types of services CDBG provides. Mrs. Ordonez shared with council that she was a part of the CDBG food drive kick off at the Lowe's on Alameda. She mentioned a group from Ysleta High School being at the kick off and being wonderful and wanted to acknowledge them for their great effort in getting the public to fill the bins.

Suggestions for the good of the council

Mr. Wickline shared with council that the Red Cross had spoken at the AARP Chapter meeting and talked about disaster relief, he would like to see if they could come and speak at our next advisory meeting.

Mr. Norman invited council to a fundraiser that would be held at El Paso High School, a 1700 English play with different comical adventures. The funds raised would benefit the EPHS Marquee. Mr. Norman handed out flyers and asked council and staff if they would post to organization they belonged to.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Next meeting

May 12, 2009