



RSVP

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RSVP Advisory Council Meeting
Minutes of May 14, 2013

Members Present

Everett Barnett Nati C. Munoz
Gilbert Blancas Mary S. Newton
Angie Garcia Sofia Ordonez
Stefania Garza William Wickline
Armida H. Hernandez

Members Absent

Kay A. Mooy
Irma Chavez-Rodriguez

Staff

Norma Corona
Sandra Serrano

Call to Order and Quorum Count

Meeting called to order @ 10:05 am

Approval of minutes

With one correction.

Announcements/comments

Chelsie Melendez from the El Paso Convention and Visitors Bureau spoke briefly on available volunteer opportunities at the downtown visitor's center.

Unfinished business

None

New business

Norma informed council that the Older El Pasoan Hall of Fame Ceremony would be held May 23, 2013. It would take place at the Wyndham Hotel and she is asking council if they can attend to arrive around 8:00-8:15am. The last time the event took place was back in 2010 and the decision was made to bring it back this year.

Norma announced the date for this year's banquet to be September 14, 2013, again to be held at the Convention Center. Ad contracts and donation letters were distributed and Norma went over the deadline dates for both the ads and the door prizes items. Norma advised council that if any business needing an extension on payment deadline to refer them to her. Stefania asked if the forms could be emailed to make it easier to forward to potential advertisers. Mr. Wickline asked if the new Mayor would be invited to the Banquet. Norma assured council that the new Mayor and all members of City Council would be invited to the Banquet.

Norma brought up the idea for RSVP to host a Healthy Future Fair to educate the senior population on Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (**PART D**). All Insurance companies would be invited to participate to provide information. Mrs. Ordonez mentioned that EPCC and the Area Agency on Aging already host a similar health fair. Norma explained this would help get the RSVP program out there for those not familiar with the program; it will also help in securing funding for the grant from the National Corporation. Mr. Blancas also mentioned Part C that covers such things as dental and vision and it would be good for insurance companies to also answer questions on Part C. Norma is suggesting having the health fair around the end of October or early November, just after the October 15 sign up date opens for Medicare. Mrs. Hernandez also suggested that insurance companies emphasize on explaining the differences with generic and name brands medication to seniors, because the price between both are usually half of more. Stefania mentioned the senior population should also be educated on hospice care and how under hospice their medication is covered 100%. Mrs. Hernandez had an idea to borrow a voting machine to educate seniors how to use it. She has experienced that seniors are afraid of the machine and that keeps them from voting. She also mentioned educating seniors that curb side voting is also available, since many people are not aware this service exists. Mrs. Ordonez asked if there would be entertainment at the fair. Sandra explained that there are plenty of dance groups registered with RSVP so they would be the ones to provide the entertainment. She

also brought up inviting RSVP partners to set up booths at the fair so they might recruit volunteers in another section of the health fair for Volunteer Opportunities.

Suggestions for the good of the council

None

Adjournment

10:58 a.m.

Next meeting

June 11, 2013