



**RSVP Advisory Council Meeting**  
Minutes of October 9, 2007

**Members Present**

Sandy Caviness	Sofia Ordonez
Alicia de Jong Davis	Esther Perez
Marcellus Fullmore	Cora S. Ramirez
Kaaren Kimball	Irma Chavez-Rodriguez
Robert Marin	Shirley J. Whelen
Mary S. Newton	

**Members Absent**

Amelia S. Clarke  
Rosa De Leon  
Armida H. Hernandez  
Anne Langenfeld  
Barbara Rodgers

**Staff**

Norma Corona  
Henry Drake  
Lori Rodriguez  
Eva F. Aguilar  
Sandra Serrano

**Call to Order and Quorum Count**

Meeting called to order @ 10:06 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes reviewed and approved.

**Announcements/Comments**

Mrs. Davis wanted to congratulate staff on the effort to present award ceremony in both English and Spanish; she was very pleased with presentation.

**Unfinished Business**

Mrs. Ordonez asked why the banquet was held in a different hall this year. Norma explained to her that the hall it was held in this year was bigger and provided a bigger dance area. Ms. Kimball expressed that the vegetarian plate was wonderful. Eva informed council that last year Kaaren had trouble getting her vegetarian plate and was served last.

Mrs. Ordonez had a suggestion to have soft music playing while eating. Mrs. Perez suggested Mr. Fullmore's jazz band. Mr. Fullmore informed council that he no longer plays but can contact other musicians to play. Norma explained that she has already reserved the date for next year's banquet, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Mrs. Whelen made a suggestion to have more reserved signs for tables. She expressed that council arrives early to help and when they are up working at the doors people take their seats. Mrs. Kimball came up with the idea of having individual reserve cards to place on chair.

**New Business**

Henry spoke about the upcoming Gift Giving Tree starting November 15<sup>th</sup>. He would be looking for volunteers to work at the tree, scheduling volunteers in two hour shifts. Henry asked council to please let him know if they would be able to volunteer. Henry mentioned the four agencies providing the tags for this year Gift Giving Tree: Bienvivir Senior Health Services, El Paso Foster Parent Association, Faith Based Groups in Action and Texas Dept. of State Health- Children with Special Health Care Needs.

**Suggestions for the Good of the Council**

None

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

**Next Meeting**

November 13, 2007