



**RSVP Advisory Council Meeting**  
Minutes of November 14, 2006

**Members Present**

Rosa De Leon  
Alicia De Jong Davis  
Stefania Garza  
Armida H. Hernandez  
Robert Marin  
Sofia Ordonez

Irma Chavez-Rodriguez  
Sandy Caviness

**Members Absent**

Julie Belch  
Shirley Roberts  
Esther Perez  
Shirley J. Whelen  
Cora P. Ramirez  
William Wickline

**Staff**

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

**Call to Order and Quorum Count**

Meeting called to order by Rosa De Leon @ 10:13 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Two corrections made, spelling errors.

**Announcements/Comments**

Lori presented Mrs. De Leon with flowers to congratulate her on winning the Andrus Award given to her on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mrs. De Leon mentioned that she felt she didn't have a chance on winning because the selection was statewide.

Henry announced that he was lacking one slot for staffing the Gift Giving Tree on November 29 from 11 to 1. Mrs. De Leon volunteered to fill the slot.

**Unfinished Business**

Henry announced that the official lighting of the Gift Giving Tree would be held Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. At the lighting there would be a singing group, pastries and juice. The tree would have 200 tags from four local agencies. The agencies include: El Paso Foster Parent Association, Bienvivir, Faith in Action Group and the State Department of Health.

Stefania informed council that the Spirit of Giving tree at Cielo Vista for Hospice was already up.

Norma reminded all advisory that the December 12 meeting would be held at the Lancer's Club. She also mentioned that one guest is welcome and that there would be no charge to anyone. Advisory meeting would start at 11:00 a.m. and then lunch right after. Rosa asked if Lancers was before Furr's Cafeteria. Irma mentioned that it is the only high rise building on that block. Norma also mentioned that advisory should reserve for the luncheon by the 4<sup>th</sup> of December. She also advised council that when reserving make known if bringing a guest.

**New Business**

Rosa De Leon swore in new council member Armida H. Hernandez.

Rosa asked for deadline on newsletter. Lori mentioned that at the last advisory meeting she had mentioned to bring articles to today's meeting. Lori suggested if advisory still wanted to submit something, they could still send it in by this week.

Henry asked council if they had received information on the steering committee that was mailed out to them. Mrs. Davis stated that she would be interested, but there are no openings in her district. She had previously been a member of the steering committee. She remembers working long hours reviewing grants. She also mentioned to council that are considering becoming a member that there is a lot of responsibility. She spoke about some times having boxes and boxes of applications to review from agencies requesting money. "It's very prestigious to award money that's not yours" she stated. Mr. Marin asked if you had to be 60 to be a member. Henry explained that there are different qualifications. Alicia did mention that despite all the work it is very rewarding.

**Suggestions for the Good of the Council**

None

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

**Next Meeting**

December 12, 2006