

**AmeriCorps Seniors Advisory Council**  
Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.  
Meeting Minutes

**Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Lorraine Hernandez, AmeriCorps Seniors Advisory Council Liaison. Attendance was taken by Lorraine Hernandez, AmeriCorps Seniors Advisory Council Liaison. The following council members answered to roll call:

District	Representative	Present	Absent	At-Large Member	Present	Absent
Mayor	Jose Limon	X		Gloria Boyer	X	
1	Alfred Reeves	X		Angie Garcia	X	
2	Gilda Wilson		X	Armida H. Hernandez	X	
3	Christina Olivares	X		Kaaren Kimball		X
4	Vacant			Nati Muñoz	X	
5	Gladys Guzman	X		Patricia Williams		X
6	Vacant					
7	Vacant					
8	Barbara Martinez	X				

**1. Approval of Minutes from May 13, 2025**

Minutes from the May meeting were not placed on the July 8, 2025 meeting agenda. Meeting minutes need to be introduced and approved. Christina Olivares moved to approve meeting minutes from May 13, 2025. Armida H. Hernandez seconded the motion.

**2. Approval of Minutes from July 8, 2025**

Alfred Reeves moved to approve meeting minutes from July 8, 2025. Jose Limon seconded the motion.

**3. Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)**

**Unfinished Business**

**Volunteer Coordinator Training**

RSVP hosted their annual RSVP Volunteer Coordinator Training on August 8, 2025 at the El Paso Water's Tech2O Center. Liliana Oaxaca, Program Director with the Alzheimer's Association West Texas Chapter presented an overview of Alzheimer's and dementia. Volunteer Coordinators and partners attended the training.

**New Business**

**Senior Safety Summit**

RSVP staff participated in the Senior Safety Summit on August 23, 2025, and provided outreach and information on RSVP and FGP. The summit was organized by District 5 and the Upper

Eastside Regional Command Center. Their goal was to bring awareness of community resources and programs to older adults in District 5.

#### **9/11 National Day of Service**

This year, RSVP and FGP's 9/11 National Day of Service includes holding a Toiletry Drive for La Casa de las Abuelitas, and providing a lunch for residents.

Donations can be delivered to City 3, 801 Texas Ave., El Paso, TX 79901, or staff can arrange for pick-up.

#### **4. Foster Grandparent Program (FGP)**

##### **New Business**

##### **Pending FGP Funds from AmeriCorps**

Bettina Olivares reported that funds for FGP were pending. Funding for RSVP and FGP comes from the federal government, as well as from the state and the city match. A change at the congress level affected how and when funding is released. At this point, FGP will receive funding, and their notice of grant award letter is pending.

##### **First day of School for FGP Volunteers**

All FGP volunteers began their volunteer assignments on August 4, 2025.

##### **Aging to Perfection Expo**

FGP participated in this year's Aging to Perfection on August 20, 2025.

##### **National Senior Citizen Day at Wellington Chew Senior Center**

FGP participated in the National Senior Citizen Day at Wellington Chew Senior Center on August 21, 2025.

#### **5. Suggestions for the Good of the Council**

Gilda Wilson reported that her neighborhood is creating a garden space for recreation centers and schools, and has offered gardening kits to Advisory members.

#### **6. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Approved by:

  
Christina Olivares