

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of September 13, 2010 meeting
Coral Gables Youth Center

MEMBERS	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	APPOINTED BY
Catherine Fahringer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	Mayor Donald D. Slesnick II
Norma Lemberg	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	R	Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Marilyn Bruno	P	P	V	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	R	Comm. Maria Anderson
Dr. William Schiff	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	Comm. Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Frank Lynn	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	R	Comm. Wayne "Chip" Withers
Evelyn Budde	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	R	City Manager Patrick G. Salerno
Carol Brock	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	R	Senior Citizens Advisory Board

A = Absent

C = Cancelled

E = Excused absence

P = Present

N = No quorum

R = Recessed

S = Sick

V= Vacant Position

STAFF:

Fred Couceyro
Parks & Recreation Director

Paul Hunt
Senior Services Coordinator

Anastasia Smith
Recreation Specialist-Senior Services

Tricia Spencer
Recording Secretary

GUESTS:

Marli Lutz
Executive Director, Coral Gables @ Home

Katie Kreter, resident
Coral Gables

1. Chairperson Carol Brock called the meeting to order at 5:01p.m.
2. C. Brock welcomed Katie Kreter to the meeting.
3. **Approval of Board minutes from August 2, 2010** – A motion was made by Frank Lynn to approve the meeting minutes of August 2, 2010. Motion was passed unanimously by the Board.
4. **Approval of Excused Absences** – C. Brock made a motion to approve the excused absence of Evelyn Budde because she is having a medical procedure done. Motion was passed

unanimously by the Board.

5. **Senior Services Divisional Reports:**

a. Report on Senior Services – Paul Hunt

The budget that was submitted by the Parks and Recreation Department does not include his position for the new fiscal year. A Thank You letter was given to the professor at Florida International University on behalf of the Board, thanking him and the graduate students who conducted a detailed evaluation report on the Coral Gables Senior Taxi Discount Program. The Board was unable to thank each student individually because they have since then graduated from FIU.

b. Senior Center Programs – Anastasia Smith

Frances de Pontes Peebles, author of “The Seamstress” will be at next month’s Book Club meeting on October 11th at 1:00 p.m. in Room 112. Line Dancing will resume next month on Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. in the Chapel. There will be a free CPR Class for seniors provided by the Coral Gables Fire Department on October 14th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel, space is limited so RSVP early. Computer Classes for Beginners will resume on Tuesdays, October 5th and 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the War Memorial Youth Center. There will also be a Senior Health Fair on September 20th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m; the event will be held at the Youth Center. Jerry Rand celebrated his 100th birthday; a new birthday club has been formed and every second Wednesday of the month during the “Weekly Lunch”, all the birthdays of that month will be celebrated.

6. **Coral Gables at Home Report – Marli Lutz**

Coral Gables at Home had their first Board meeting in August since branching off from the Coral Gables Community Foundation; new by-laws were signed and they are still awaiting approval from the IRS for a 501 (c) 3 status. They are currently making preparations for the Senior Health Fair on Monday, September 20, 2010.

7. **Old Business**

a. Art Show

5 artists have applied for the Senior Art Show so far, more artists are expected to register as the date for the art show gets closer. Over 20 publications have been sent out advertising the upcoming Senior Art Show. Senior Services have started to receive donated prizes for the art show.

b. SHINE Representatives Office

A Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Coral Gables and the Alliance for

Aging was approved by the City Commission. The State of Florida Elderly Affairs Department's SHINE Program will be allowed to utilize space at the Coral Gables War Memorial Youth Center and other Parks and Recreation facilities, to assist and provide services to seniors.

c. Budget Hearing

There was a discussion about last meeting's motion to have Carol Brock speak on behalf of the Board at the next Budget Hearing to address to the City Commission the Senior Citizens' Budget which was cut by 34%. A motion was made by Frank Lynn to reconsider last meeting's motion. By a tie vote of 3 to 3, the motion was denied. The Board decided to vote again and F. Lynn made a second motion to reconsider last meeting's motion. Motion was passed unanimously by the Board to not have C. Brock present to the City Commission at the Budget Hearing. Dr. William Schiff made a motion to have last meeting's motion amended. The motion was unanimously passed by the Board to enable Carol to speak out for increasing the Senior budget at the appropriate time that she sees fit.

8. New Business

a. Positive Living Awards

The Board congratulated Norma Lemberg who was nominated for the Positive Living Award. Dancercise instructor, Belkis Frangente was also nominated for this award.

9. Open Items

City Manager, Patrick G. Salerno has agreed to meet with the Senior Board at the December 1st, 2010 meeting.

10. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board will be held on **Monday, October 4, 2010** at 5:00 p.m. at the at the Coral Gables Youth Center located at 405 University Drive, Coral Gables 33134.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.