

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of March 1, 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				Mayor Donald D. Slesnick II
Norma Lemberg	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P				Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Marilyn Bruno				P	P	P	P	E				Comm. Maria Anderson
Dr. William Schiff	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				Comm. Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Frank Lynn	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E				Comm. Wayne "Chip" Withers
Evelyn Budde	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P				City Manager Patrick G. Salerno
Carol Brock	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P				Senior Citizens Advisory Board

A = Absent

C = Cancelled

E = Excused absence

P = Present

N = No quorum

R = Recessed

S = Sick

V= Vacant Position

STAFF:

Luanne Santangelo
Assistant Parks & Recreation Director

Paul Hunt
Senior Services Coordinator

Anastasia Smith
Recreation Specialist-Senior Services

Tricia Spencer
Recording Secretary

GUESTS:

Katie Kreter, resident
Coral Gables

Marli Lutz
Executive Director, Coral Gables @ Home

1. Chairperson Carol Brock called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.
2. C. Brock welcomed back Norma Lemberg to the meeting. She also welcomed Katie Kreter, Marli Lutz of Coral Gables @ Home and staff members to the meeting.
3. Approval of Board minutes from February 1, 2010 – A motion was made by Catherine Fahringer to approve the meeting minutes of February 1, 2010. Motion was passed unanimously by the Board.

4. Approval of Excused Absences – C. Brock said that she heard from Frank Lynn and Marilyn Bruno who are unable to attend the meeting. C. Fahringer made a motion to approve the excused absences. The Board unanimously approved excused absences.

5. Senior Services Divisional Reports:

- a. **Report on Senior Services – Paul Hunt**

The Pilot Taxi Discount Coupon Program has sold all 100 coupons. Florida International University graduate students are continuing to contact people who are using the coupons; they have done 22 interviews so far; interviews will continue to be conducted until the end of the month. 85 different people bought coupons.

- b. **Senior Center Programs – Anastasia Smith**

Next month we will start our new Beginner's Mandarin class. There will be a self defense work shop in April. The book club was today. In May we are going to start Chinese brush painting. Jazz class meets every 4th Wednesday of the month. Current events meet every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. Senior Services has formed a Welcoming Committee to introduce the Senior Center.

C. Brock said that one of the great goals of the senior programs is to provide a social outlet for seniors to come together to socialize.

6. Old Business

- a. **Annual Luncheon Update**

C. Brock and A. Smith met with Adam Rosenblum who preferred to have the luncheon outside in the court yard because it will work out better logistically with the layout; he will also be providing a tent, tables, chairs and sound system. Invitations were donated by PCA.

Discussion on the invitation and the registration process was held. A change was made by the administration to do all registration by phone. The discussion was had as to whether this change was warranted or will be problematic. This process will be reviewed before next year's event.

Catherine Fahringer said that on behalf of the Bank of Coral Gables, Mr. Terry Best will be sponsoring the luncheon with \$500.00 to the senior service events.

Mr. Max Rothman, President of the Alliance for Aging will be the guest speaker.

A. Smith said that invitations are going to be mailed out to seniors who receive the calendars.

b. Health Fair

A. Smith met with Mr. Pat Blanco at Baptist Health who will be having a health fair in September. She will be meeting with him again to finalize the date. The health fair will consist of blood pressure screening, glucose testing and osteoporosis screening.

c. 501C3

C. Brock is going to find out from the City Manager's office if the senior services department can use the 501C3 fund the City of Coral Gables has. She is also going to check with the Community Foundation and the War Memorial Association to find out what is involved with obtaining a 501C3.

7. New Business

a. American Legion Building

C. Brock received a call from Jack Thompson who offered the American Legion Building to be used as a senior center for a nominal fee; the building needs to be Renovated.

b. Meeting date in April

The Board unanimously approved to move next month's meeting date to April 12th.

8. Open Items

Marli Lutz announced that there is going to be an Introduction to the Internet course at the historic Merrick House on March 31st.

9. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board will be held on **Monday, April 12, 2010** at 5:00 p.m. at the Coral Gables Youth Center at 405 University Drive.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.