



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
September 23, 2008**

ITEM TITLE:

Presentation of the Senior Citizen's Advisory Board minutes of August 4, 2008

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

1. The Board discussed the University Baptist Church lease.
2. A report on the senior recreation programs was given.
3. The Board discussed the Sponsorship Program.
4. The Board discussed Senior Transportation

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Meeting minutes 08-4-08

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of August 4, 2008 meeting

Coral Gables Youth Center

MEMBERS	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	APPOINTED BY
Catherine Fahringer	-	E	P	P	P	P	S	P	P	P	P	P	Mayor Donald D. Slesnick II
Norma Lemberg	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Vacant													Comm. Maria Anderson
Dr. William Schiff	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Comm. Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Frank Lynn	P	E	P	E	P	P	E	A	P	P	P	P	Comm. Wayne "Chip" Withers
Ginger Jochem	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	City Manager David Brown
Carol Brock	P	E	E	P	P	E	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

STAFF:

Luanne Santangelo
 Assistant Parks & Recreation Director

Paul Hunt
 Senior Citizens Coordinator

Anastasia Smith
 Recreation Specialist – Senior Programs

GUESTS:

Harriet Wolf, Citizen

1. Carol Brock called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and welcomed Harriet Wolf to the meeting.
2. Approval of Board minutes from July 7, 2008 Board meeting – A motion was made and seconded to approve the Board minutes of the July 7, 2008 meeting.
3. Approval of Board absences for August 4, 2008 Board meeting – No absences.
4. **Discussion on Senior Center Location-Carol Brock**
 Carol discussed the University Baptist Church lease. Carol inquired about the status of searching of new location. Ms. Santangelo stated that we will continue to use UBC but in the meantime, we will look into potential, new sites. Ms. Santangelo also suggested that Board members be on the look out for locations and to contact the office if a possibility arises.

Norma Lemberg suggested that we should look at the first floor garage at the PALACE to see if we can rent rooms or space. Dr. Schiff reinforced the construction timeline of the PALACE and that it is at least two years away from completion.

Carol asked if anyone heard any word regarding the RFP for the Coral Gables Country Club. Norma volunteered to contact Kathy Swanson, Development Director on the status of the proposals.

5. **Report on Activities and Programs – Anastasia Smith**

Anastasia Smith provided a brief overview of senior activities. The July Dancercise class registration filled to capacity. To continue to allow numbers to grow a new session of Dancercise will begin in September.

41 seniors were registered for July Dancercise-41 participants; Computer instruction-18 participants; Lunch and Lecture-101 participants.

Norma discussed that years ago a study showed that the Parks and Recreation Department did not need programs in the summer. However, based on the 2008 senior activity participation reports now show the complete opposite.

6. **Sponsorships – Luanne Santangelo**

Ms. Santangelo stated that the sponsorship packet will go out to approximately 39 companies. Follow-up will need to occur 2-3 weeks after mailing. Lists of the business contacts will be provided to Board members so phone calls can be made.

Dr. Schiff stated that Adam from the PALACE has agreed to donate \$10,000 towards the senior programs. The donations will be divided into \$2,500 sponsorships for the four major senior events. In addition, the PALACE will sponsor the 2008 Senior Art Show opening reception. Dr. Schiff asked that Carol Brock as the Chairperson, send a thank you letter to businesses for their sponsorship commitment.

7. **Senior Transportation**

Norma Lemberg stated that she read an article in the previous Elder Update newsletter that acknowledge the City of Dunedin/Clearwater as a recipient of a Federal Transit grant of approximately \$588,000 for transportation. Luanne recommended that the Board develop a formal description of a transportation program for submittals for grant funds. Norma stated that Paul needs to take action in compiling the information for the transportation grant and bring a report to the next meeting. Norma volunteered to contact City of Dunedin/Clearwater regarding fees and costs and will bring the information to the next meeting. Carol recommended that a transportation subcommittee be formed that include Norma, Paul and Ginger.

Paul stated that he can provide the data for the Coral Gables Senior Transportation needs. Norma asked Paul the status on the Taxi program. Mr. Hunt has not heard any update from Commissioner Cabrera on the issue.

8. **Date and time of next meeting**

Monday, September 8, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Coral Gables Youth Center located at 405 University Drive.

9. The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.