

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
 Minutes of January 7, 2008 meeting
 Coral Gables Youth Center

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

A = Absent
 C = Cancelled
 E = Excused absence
 P = Present
 N = No quorum
 R = Recessed
 S = Sick

STAFF:

Luanne Santangelo
 Recreation Program Superintendent

Anastasia Smith
 Recreation Specialist, Senior Services

Judy Kries
 Recording Secretary

GUESTS:

Katie Kreter, Citizen

1. Norma Lemberg, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:26 p.m. and welcomed Katie Kreter.
2. Approval of Board minutes from December 3, 2007 Board meeting – A motion was made and seconded to approve the Board minutes of the December 3, 2007 meeting. All members present approved the draft minutes, as presented.
3. Approval of Board absences for January 7, 2008 Board meeting – The Board excused Carol Brock, Josefina Cabrera, and Catherine Fahringer from the January 7, 2008 Board meeting.
4. Old Business
 - a. Report on Senior Center Programs – Luanne Santangelo/Anastasia Smith
 - There was discussion regarding use of the Fellowship Hall at University Baptist Church (UBC). Luanne Santangelo said that due to use by UBC, the

Fellowship Hall (and only the Fellowship Hall) would be unavailable for use on Fridays. Anastasia Smith is working with the scheduling secretary at UBC to coordinate a consistent day of the week and week of the month to conduct the monthly lunches. Supplemental flyers are sent to the 810 individuals listed on the Senior Division mailing list when the lunch dates are not confirmed by the deadline given for the *Golden Gables*. A flyer will be mailed within the next week to those on the mailing list advising them that the Lunch & Lecture this month will be on Wednesday, January 30, 2008. A complimentary lunch will be served in the Chapel at UBC at 11:30 a.m., with a presentation at noon by guest speaker Justin Moss of the Florida Grand Opera.

As discussed previously, the Senior Board and Recreation Staff agreed that the Chapel is too small for the “Lunch and Lectures” program and that the preference is to use the Fellowship Hall for the monthly “Lunch and Lecture” program. Discussion followed about advertising in the *Golden Gables* publication with a note to call Senior Services for the exact location of events. Anastasia Smith wants to generate an e-mail address list to alert participants of program changes.

- Luanne Santangelo wants to make sure that the free monthly “Lunch & Lectures series does not get confused with the weekly “Let’s Do Lunch” series, which are social, catered lunches for a fee on Wednesdays, January 9, January 16, and January 23, 2008, at noon in the Chapel at UBC. There are no speakers for these events. The cost for residents is \$8.00 per meal, \$10.00 for non-residents. Senior Services budgets for half the cost of this program. The January 9, 2008 lunch was cancelled because only 4 people registered for the event. Luanne Santangelo said the price was dropped today to \$5.00 per meal to stimulate participation. Staff will see how the program goes to determine if the \$5.00 charge should be eliminated or if the program should be discontinued.
- Norma Lemberg noted the charge for the Adult Leisure Classes at UBC and asked if we were trying to compete with the University of Miami (UM). Anastasia Smith said there is a charge because we have to pay for an instructor for most classes. She said the objective is to find volunteer instructors for these activities and to eventually form clubs. She said there are 5 people enrolled in Knitting and Crocheting, 4 people in Dancercise, 2 people in Autobiography and Memoir, 3 people enrolled in Mosaics and 1 person enrolled in Floral Arranging. She said participants in the Morning Coffee Club are mostly people in classes at the UBC who drop by for coffee between 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. People want guitar lesson classes, photography classes, etc., as opposed to the more structured classes offered by the UM. She is working with a lady from the Coral Gables Art Club to schedule a meeting to discuss getting volunteers from her organization.

- Anastasia Smith said trips to Altar Boyz at Actors' Playhouse has 11 people enrolled, the Everglades Airboat Ride and Alligator Show has 1 person enrolled, and there are 32 people enrolled in the North Florida trip to Amelia Island, St. Augustine and Jacksonville, FL March 31 – April 3, 2008. Out of town trips have been very successful.
- Anastasia Smith said she would be doing health related programs during the "May is National Senior Health Month" in lieu of the Health Fair that has been floundering the last two years.
- Anastasia Smith said she talked with a representative from the Carnival Center for the Performing Arts and has a listing of their upcoming programs.
- Dr. Schiff asked Luanne Santangelo if she had received the breakdown of costs associated with the Art Show from Cathy Swanson. Luanne Santangelo said she will have that information for Dr. Schiff by the end of the week.

b. Annual Luncheon Update – Luanne Santangelo/Anastasia Smith

- Anastasia Smith said 810 invitations for the Annual Senior Formal Lunch & Lecture on Friday, February 15, 2008, at the Country Club of Coral Gables have been sent out. She said 55 people have already made reservations for the event. The date for this event was advertised in the *Golden Gables* publication that went out in late November.

5. New Business

- There was discussion about future tours for seniors to Shark Valley and Everglades National Park.
6. Date and time of next meeting - The next Senior Citizens Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 4, 2008**. The meeting will start at **5:00 p.m.** and will be held in the **Conference Room at the Youth Center, located at 405 University Drive.**
7. The meeting adjourned at 6: 13 p.m.