

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of June 1, 2009 meeting
Coral Gables Youth Center

MEMBERS	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	APPOINTED BY
Catherine Fahringer	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Mayor Donald D. Slesnick II
Norma Lemberg	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Esther Castiglia	V	E	P	A	E	P	P	P	E	P		Comm. Maria Anderson
Dr. William Schiff	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Comm. Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Frank Lynn	P	P	P	P	P	E	A	P	P	P	P	Comm. Wayne "Chip" Withers
Ginger Jochem	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	City Manager Patrick G. Salerno
Carol Brock	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	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. Catherine Fahringer called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.
2. Vice Chair C. Fahringer welcomed our guests Katie Kreter and Marli Lutz to the meeting.
3. Approval of Board minutes from May 4th, 2009 – A motion was made by F. Lynn and seconded by Dr. Schiff to approve the amended meeting minutes of May 4th, 2009. Motion was passed unanimously by the Board.
4. Approval of Excused Absences – A motion was made by F. Lynn to approve excused absences from C. Brock and G. Jochem at the June 1st, 2009 meeting. Motion was passed

unanimously by the Board.

5. **Senior Services Divisional Reports**

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

P. Hunt reported on the Pilot Taxi Discount Coupon Program. He said that it has to go through the Alliance for Aging and that the paperwork is over at the Intercredit Bank in Coral Gables. He also said that he will be attending another meeting with the Coral Gables Taxi Cab Company on Tuesday, June 02nd.

N. Lemberg would like to have a Transportation Committee meeting after Mr. Hunt meets with the Coral Gables Taxi Company. Mr. Hunt will set a date and contact committee members. The meeting will be noticed to the public.

P. Hunt said that he is currently active with the Florida Regional Interfaith/Interagency Emergency Network in Disasters, Inc. (FRIEND). It is an agency that focuses on disaster recovery. Funding is provided through FEMA, Red Cross, United Church of Christ and Lutheran Church of Florida to name a few.

N. Lemberg inquired about what they can do as a group to help with this program.

P. Hunt replied that when he attends the next FRIEND meeting he will know more as to what the Board members can do to assist the organization.

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

Smith checked with Baptist Health and the County about scheduling flu shots for Fall of 2009. Both organizations stated that it was too early to schedule at this time. M. Lutz suggested that A. Smith contact Pat Blanco at Doctor's Hospital regarding flu shots.

Michael Salem attended the Current Events on May 28 and provided information on the digital T.V. transition. This month's speaker is meteorologist Robert Molleda from the National Weather Service to speak about hurricane preparedness.

A. Smith attended the Senior Golden Idol with our Coral Gables participant and a few residents wanting to show their support.

Several seniors took part in a CPR class and were certified. The walking group is on hiatus for the summer and will resume in the Fall.

6. **Old Business**

a. **Senior Art Show**

A. Smith worked with Dr. Schiff to revise the Art Show registration form. The forms was submitted for publication in the next issue of the Gold Gables.

b. Appointments/Elections

L. Santangelo said that the appointments on the City Commission agenda for May 26 were tabled to the next meeting, June 02, 2009. From the list, there will be a new addition to the Board.

7. New Business

a. C. Colburn Hardy Award

Members of the Board again congratulated Norma Lemberg on receiving the C. Colburn Hardy Award. The Board also stated that they were very pleased with the presentation by the City Commission of a proclamation establishing May 12, 2009 as Norma Lemberg Day in the City of Coral Gables. The recognition was well deserved and a beautiful, touching tribute to Norma's dedication to improve the quality of life of seniors in Coral Gables.

b. Senior Citizens Budget Update

L. Santangelo said that they submitted 4 different budgets to the City Manager; 0%, 3%, 5% and 10% budget deductions. If they go with the 10% budget reduction, overall, it will remove the annual senior luncheon as a totally City subsidized event. Sponsorships will have to be sought as in years past. The event cost about \$12,500 with approximately \$6,000 in donations received this year.

c. Coral Gables Community Foundation

M. Lutz said that within the last 60 days membership to CoralGables@Home has doubled. She invited the Board to have tea at the Biltmore Hotel on Tuesday, June 23rd at 4:00 p.m. if they or someone they know would like to learn more about the CoralGalbes@Home program. She then distributed copies of HomeBody newsletter for the month of June and brochures.

8. Board Members Comments

Dr. Schiff said that A. Rosenbloom from The Palace, Inc. is going to continue sponsoring the Senior Art Show.

L. Santangelo said that plans for the Senior Art Show will continue. A. Smith is already contacting FPL, Blue Cross and Blue Shield and Carnival Cruise Line, for sponsorships and prize donations. E. Castiglia provided A. Smith with a contact name at FPL to discuss the sponsorship.

The Board discussed the letter they would like to send to the City Manager. They decided to wait for the return of the Board Chair to sign the letter. The letter will be revised with the meeting date.

Due to the Labor Day Holiday the Board rescheduled their September 7th meeting to September 14th.

L. Santangelo reminded the Board that there will be an upcoming Board Training Seminar tentatively scheduled for September 18th and 19th. Once details have been finalized the Board will be notified.

9. Date and time of next meeting

No meeting in July of 2009.

The Board will meet next on Monday, August 3, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at the Coral Gables Community Foundation Office located at 3001 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Suite # 101.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.