

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of June 7, 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	P	Mayor Donald D. Slesnick II
Norma Lemberg	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Marilyn Bruno				P	P	P	P	E	P	P	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	P	P	E	P	P	P	Comm. Wayne "Chip" Withers
Evelyn Budde	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	City Manager Patrick G. Salerno
Carol Brock	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	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:

Fred Couceyro
Parks & Recreation Director

Anastasia Smith
Recreation Specialist-Senior Services

Tricia Spencer
Recording Secretary

GUESTS:

Marli Lutz
Executive Director, Coral Gables @ Home

Belen Tejeiro
Volunteer for SHINE & certified SHINE
Counselor

1. Chairperson Carol Brock called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.
2. C. Brock welcomed Marli Lutz of Coral Gables @ Home, Belen Tejeiros of SHINE, and staff members to the meeting.
3. **Approval of Board minutes from May 3, 2010** – A motion was made by Norma Lemberg to approve the meeting minutes of May 3, 2010. Motion was passed unanimously by the Board.
4. **Approval of Excused Absences** – C. Fahringer made a motion to approve the excused absence of Evelyn Budde who has been traveling extensively. The Board unanimously approved the excused absence.

5. **Senior Services Divisional Reports:**

a. Report on Senior Services – Paul Hunt

P. Hunt was absent from the meeting.

b. Senior Center Programs – Anastasia Smith

A. Smith reported three new activities starting this summer. “History of South Florida” is being taught by Seth Bramson, classes are 5 weeks and the fee is \$12.00. “Healthy Living” is being taught by Julia Clintron, classes will be held every 4th Monday of the month at 11:30 a.m. in Room 112 and “Almost Broadway” is being taught by Mimi Winship, classes are held every Monday and Thursday from 2:00p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel. A. Smith is also working on the August/September senior activities calendar.

6. **Old Business**

Discussion was held on the possibility of Academica School (K-8) moving into the University Baptist Church (UBC). Carol Brock met with the Finance Director of the UBC who was up beat on keeping the Seniors, however, the Seniors will be losing the Fellowship Hall, the only space there that is big enough to hold our monthly “Lunch and Lectures.” C. Brock also reported that we will need spaces to grow our programs and parking is likely to become an issue with the school in the building. Second floor rooms were suggested by UBC, but Seniors need ground floor space as the church has no elevator.

C. Brock inquired about the Parks and Recreation Department having a back up plan in case having the school at the UBC is not conducive to the Seniors. Fred Couceyro said that there is a process to which the Academia School must go through first before moving into the UBC such as the Planning and Zoning Advisory Board and the City Attorney, and they have not done that as of yet. He also said that his back up plan will be to lease another space, use the Youth Center or have several different satellite locations. The Board would like to meet the City Manager for his overall perspective of where he is with his vision of the Senior Center and an update on his negotiations with The Palace.

C. Brock was authorized by the Board to call the City Manager to discuss the issue and the possibility of a special meeting at this time, or at a later date.

7. **New Business**

a. Art Show 2010 Mtg. Report

Copies of the new entry forms for the artist were distributed; two divisions were created with a total of 12 prizes. The deadline for entry into the Art Show is October 1st.

b. Flying Fingers Delivery in Haiti

C. Brock on a work mission to Haiti delivered the beautiful baby blankets and knitted

items that the Flying Fingers of Coral Gables Senior Group had made. Haitian ladies and even men whose wives were expecting were so very grateful to the Coral Gables Seniors for these most needed items. Pictures of the people receiving the items in Haiti were passed around for the Board to see.

c. Vote on whether to have a July meeting

C. Fahringer made a motion not to have the Senior Citizens Advisory Board meeting in July. Motion was passed unanimously by the Board.

8. **Open Items**

A motion was made by C. Fahringer and approved by the Board to re-elect C. Brock as Chairman of the Senior Citizens' Advisory Board for 2010-2011. A motion was made by Norma Lemberg to nominate C. Fahringer as Vice-Chairman. The Board unanimously approved, C. Fahringer was re-elected Vice Chairperson for 2010-2011.

There was a discussion about the new document requirements for obtaining new identification cards and driver's license from the Florida Department of Motor Vehicles. At the airport, expired driver's licenses are not accepted as a form of identification.

The SHINE group would like to place flyers at the Youth Center and possibly set up a location here at the Youth Center to help seniors. SHINE is also looking for volunteers to render at least 20 hours of their time a month. SHINE also offers Medicare and Medicaid training; the next training will be on July 8th, 2010.

Each year, designated advisory board members are required to file financial disclosure forms. Some board members inquired about which form needed to be filled out. The form that is labeled "Financial Statement for Full-Time County and Municipal Employees and Advisory Board Members," is the form that pertains to the Senior Citizens' Advisory Board.

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

No meeting in July, 2010.

The next meeting of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board will be held on **Monday, August 2, 2010** at 5:00 p.m. at the at the Coral Gables Community Foundation Office located at 3001 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Suite # 203.

10. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.