

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of September 8, 2008 meeting
Coral Gables Youth Center

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

Anastasia Smith
 Recreation Specialist – Senior Programs

GUESTS:

Katie Kreiter, Citizen

1. Carol Brock called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.
2. Approval of Board minutes from August 4, 2008 Board meeting – A motion was made by F. Lynn and seconded by C. Fahringer to approve the Board minutes of the August 4, 2008. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Approval of Board absences for September 8, 2008 Board meeting – No absences.
4. **Report on Activities and Programs**

Anastasia Smith provided a brief overview of senior activities. Dancercise – 30 registered for Session A and 23 registered for Session B; 90 seniors have registered so far for the September 15 Lunch and Lecture; Spanish has 11 participants; monthly dinner had 14

participants; computer class-beginner is filled with 18 participants and the intermediate class has 12 participants.

Anastasia also asked the Board for suggestions for speakers for the upcoming Annual Luncheon. Names included: Gloria Estefan, Charlie Crist, Jeb Bush, Marco Rubio, Alex Sink-FL State CFO, Mel Martinez, Dwight Lauderdale, Don Noe, Max Mayfield

5. Sponsorships/Art Show

Individual Board members were asked to follow up with 3-4 potential sponsors. Board members will share results of these contacts with Luanne Santangelo and also let Ms. Santangelo know if there are other potential sponsors who should receive the information.

The contact list was distributed to all members so they could be select or be assigned businesses to contact.

Anastasia provided an update on the status of the Art Show. The Parks and Recreation Art Specialist, Cristina Martinez will assist in the set up of the art work. The Interact Group of the Coral Gables High School will volunteer again for the show and assist in the set up and where needed. Valet parking has been confirmed and prizes are being solicited for the Art Show winners.

The Board would like to invite Mayor Slesnick to be the presenter of the awards at the Art Show.

6. Senior Transportation

Norma Lemberg received information from Pinellas County, EZ Ride program. Norma distributed the information to members and compared the EZ Ride program to that of STS Transportation in Dade County. EZ Ride is a membership program with additional fees to be paid from passengers for each trip made.

It was stated that this may be a program that could be brought to and ran through The Village, once it is in operation in the City.

7. The Village

The Coral Gables Foundation is now the lead organization for moving forward with the Village project. Paul Hunt has spoken to Jeanett Slesnick regarding the progress and Mrs. Slesnick indicated that they are in the process of hiring an Executive Director.

The Board would like to invite Mrs. Slesnick to an upcoming meeting to discuss the Village and the project status.

8. Senior Services

Carol Brock asked for Paul Hunt's report, and stated that the Senior Services Coordinator report be placed on each agenda.

Carol asked Paul about the number of phone calls he takes in a day/week, stating the importance of the Board in having that information. She also asked how many clients he services and the types of needs expressed with these Clients.

Mr. Hunt stated that he may get 20 calls per week, with a majority being information referrals. Mr. Hunt gave examples of a typical client and their need along with an approximate amount of time spent in assisting these individuals.

Ms. Santangelo asked if there were any state or federal guidelines for the obtaining and keeping of information on clients and Mr. Hunt responded no.

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

Monday, October 6, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Coral Gables Youth Center located at 405 University Drive.

10. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.