

# SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of February 1, 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					Mayor Donald D. Slesnick II
Norma Lemberg	P	P	P	P	P	E	E					Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Marilyn Bruno				P	P	P	P					Comm. Maria Anderson
Dr. William Schiff	P	P	P	P	P	P	P					Comm. Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Frank Lynn	P	P	P	P	P	P	P					Comm. Wayne "Chip" Withers
Evelyn Budde	P	P	E	P	P	P	P					City Manager Patrick G. Salerno
Carol Brock	P	P	E	P	P	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 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. Chairperson Carol Brock called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.
2. C. Brock welcomed Katie Kreter, Marli Lutz of Coral Gables @ Home and staff members to the meeting.
3. Approval of Board minutes from January 4, 2010 – A motion was made by Evelyn Budde to approve the meeting minutes of January 4, 2010. Motion was passed unanimously by the Board.

4. Approval of Excused Absences – C. Brock said that she heard from Norma Lemberg who was not feeling well; N. Lemberg's absence was excused.

5. Senior Services Divisional Reports:

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

The Pilot Taxi Discount Coupon Program has been extended until March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010; the program has sold 68 sets of coupons and is expected to sell all. Current coupon holders will be allowed to use their coupons to the extended date, new persons, 65+ and current coupon holders, will be allowed to purchase more coupons which must be used by the extended time also; may have to extend the usage of the coupons until June. The telephone survey that is being done by Florida International University graduate students is going well.

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

The Book Club started today with 10 participants; it will meet once a month. Dancercise for session A is full. Next month's trip to Actors' Playhouse to see "Miss Saigon" is full. CPR Class has 11 people. Current Events will begin with a new leader, Jim Pollack and will meet every second and fourth Friday of the month at 11:30 a.m. in room 112. The Senior Services website has been updated with Fabio Rodriguez of Marketing; you can also access the Golden Gables on our website. Knit for a Cause is collaborating with the local churches for a relief effort for Haiti. Calendars were mailed out with approximately twenty Seniors providing volunteer help in folding the calendars and stuffing the envelopes for the city.

6. Old Business

- a. **Annual Luncheon Update**

Dr. William Schiff said that he spoke to Adam Rosenblum of the Palace, Inc and he agreed to sponsor the event by providing the meal and beverages. C. Brock and A. Smith will meet and contact Adam Rosenblum to discuss more specifics such as, will the Palace be providing the plates, silverware, glasses and servers? They will also ask about the other needs for the event and if the Palace would be opposed to a nominal registration fee being charged to attendees.

C. Brock stated the need to continue to seek sponsorships; she also contacted the office of Senator Bob Graham asking if he would be interested in being the speaker at the annual senior luncheon. She is waiting for his response. Max Rothman, President of the Alliance for Aging has agreed to speak to the group about the services available to them through the Alliance.

Luanne Santangelo reminded the Board that the event expenses need to be covered by either in-kind services, sponsorships, or registration fees.

7. New Business

Dr. Schiff suggested that the mailing list for seniors need to be updated; A. Smith said that the calendar mailing list was already updated.

The 2010 Annual Art Show will be held on November 12<sup>th</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup>.

8. Open Items

Marli Lutz was asked by Doctor's Hospital to see if the City of Coral Gables Senior Division would be interested in having a Health Fair. C. Brock said that they have had health fairs in the past and that a Health Fair hosted by Doctor's Hospital would be good. A. Smith will follow up with M. Lutz on the Health Fair.

Coral Gables @ Home annual fundraiser went very well; 300 people attended the Tour of Kitchens. Their luncheon was completely sold out. C. Brock congratulated M. Lutz on their successful events.

Dr. Marilyn Bruno expressed her concern with communication (specifically emails) being sent out on her behalf or on behalf of the Board, or claiming actions of the Board without her or the Boards' knowledge; she asked that in the future all Board members be notified in advance and copied on communications of this nature.

9. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board will be held on **Monday, March 1, 2010** at 5:00 p.m. at the Coral Gables Youth Center at 405 University Drive.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.