

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of November 3, 2008 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								Mayor Donald D. Slesnick II
Norma Lemberg	P	P	E	P								Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Esther Castiglia	V	E	P	A								Comm. Maria Anderson
Dr. William Schiff	P	P	P	P								Comm. Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Frank Lynn	P	P	P	P								Comm. Wayne "Chip" Withers
Ginger Jochem	P	P	P	P								City Manager David Brown
Carol Brock	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

GUESTS:

Marli Lutz, Executive Director
Coral Gables @ Home

Ying Pestiere, resident
Coral Gables

Katie Kreter, resident
Coral Gables

1. Carol Brock called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.
2. Approval of Board minutes from October 6, 2008 Board meeting – A motion was made by Dr. W. Schiff and seconded by F. Lynn to approve the meeting minutes of October 6, 2008. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Chairperson Carol Brock introduced and welcomed our guests to the meeting.
4. **Presentation by Marli Lutz**
Ms. Lutz spoke to the Board about Coral Gables@Home a membership organization designed to assist residents 50 years of age and older to live in their homes for as long as

possible. Coral Gables @ Home is under the auspices of the Coral Gables Community Foundation and funded, in part, by Mr. Kirk Landon.

Ms. Lutz continued to explain the types of services that will be provided; the cost of yearly membership (introductory rate of \$500/year/household); and that memberships will become active in February of 2009. (handouts attached).

The Board had several questions: Norma Lemberg asked what the difference is between Coral Gables@Home and Angie's List? Ms. Lutz replied the main difference is that CG@H will provide follow up.

Carol Brock asked how expansive the services are that will be provided? Ms. Lutz stated that they have not yet defined the full list of services and added that they will change and grow based on the needs of the membership.

Will CG@H provide any social services? Ms. Lutz stated that no, they are primarily a concierge service.

Ms. Lutz ended her presentation with a request of the Board to participate in a Focus Group of Coral Gables residents ages 50+. Several of the Board members volunteered their service to participate.

5. **Senior Services Report**

Mr. Hunt was absent from the meeting. Carol Brock asked if Mr. Hunt submitted a written report. When informed that no written report was submitted, Carol stated that it was unacceptable for a staff member to be absent from a meeting and not provide a written report.

In the future, when a staff member is charged with providing a regular monthly report to the Board and that staff member is going to be absent from a scheduled Board meeting, then his/her written report is expected to be turned into the Board liaison or secretary prior to leaving.

6. **Report on Activities and Programs**

Anastasia Smith was absent from the meeting. Her written report is attached.

7. **Sponsorships/Art Show**

There are 41 artists participating showing 119 pieces of artwork. The judges have been confirmed. Set up will begin on Wednesday, November 12, 2008. Judges will review artwork and select winners on Friday morning. The Art Show Reception and Awards Presentation will begin at 7:00 PM on Friday, November 14.

Dr. Schiff requested a written invitation be sent to Jacob and Helen Shaham. A special award will be presented to the Shaham's for the continued support of the Art Show by the Palace, Inc.

The Board also acknowledged the work and generosity of Adam Rosenbloom, who continues to go above and beyond in support of the Senior Art Show.

8. **New Business**

Carol Brock extended the appreciation of the Board to the two resident guests in attendance. Carol went on to thank them for their comments and input during the meeting.

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

Monday, December 1, 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 6:38 p.m.