

# City of Coral Gables

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## Agenda

Thursday, September 5, 2019

5:00 PM

The Board meets the first Thursday of each month.  
Coral Gables AAC, 2 Andalusia Ave, Coral Gables, FL 33134

### Senior Citizens Advisory Board

**CALL TO ORDER**

**@ 5:04 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

**Celia Suarez: Present**  
**Edward English: Present**  
**Jim Berlin: Present**  
**Julian Sevillano: Present**  
**Richard Thurer: Present**  
**Joan Mass: Excused**  
**Jane mass: Excused**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Moved to approve by Celia Suarez, second was by Jim Berlin passed unanimously**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**No business was discussed from previous meeting**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Celia Suarez :**

**Western Roundup @ AAC**

**Volunteer Judges for Contest**

**Outreach Program**

**Jim Berlin- Proposed AAC Budget for 2020**

**Fred Couceyro- Members at Large**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Celia promoted the Western Roundup and invited the board members that will be taking place on Friday September 13th. She explains it is a great way to promote the line dancing class and a place where they can practice.

Celia talks about how the Western round up was a backdrop to the masterplan.

Fred elaborates more on the Masterplan and he explains that he has already discussed it with Manny about the process of the department becoming accredited Parks & Recreation.

Celia speaks about an outreach program to possibly get more members to out around the community suggests calling it "the G.A.L.s" Fred responds by saying that's a great idea and suggests that Katherine needs to finalize some details but ensures that they on the right track.

Katherine and Fred elaborate that the G.A.L.s should be accessible to everyone all genders. Celia agrees they're more than welcoming to join the ladies.

Celia explains that in the Western Roundup there will be a costume contest and the board members will serve as judges, wanting to know who would like to volunteer to judge. Julian Sevillano and Jim Berlin volunteered to judge it.

Jim Berlin talks about the age friendly initiative and how he would like the board to be involved in including the mayor and commissioners. He talked about possibly having children and young people interact with the seniors. Katherine responds by saying she has experience with younger people because she came from the Youth Center, she has an idea that on Saturday begin and intergenerational program. Jim suggests some high school students that he knows to recruit them because they need community service hours.

Edward English was talking about a program helping seniors prevent fraud, social security, Medicare cover debt hopefully reaching City Hall. Manuel Guerrero stated that he spoke with IT about this and implementing a program about fraud prevention is in the works.

Jim Berlin initiated conversation about the budget for the center for 2020. Fred responds saying he is in charge of the budget programming process for the entire department. Fred states that the new fiscal year starts on October 1st. Fred explains the process of figuring out the budget which is

calculated by viewing last year's budget. Fred elaborates that there is a New Needs Request.

Fred states that he created a budget for this facility when it first opened. He explains that there is a budget for extended hours and the staffing to reinforce it. Fred explains the difference between the AAC facility compared to the other facilities that have more capital. He adds that in the future he will add more capital to this facility to replace furniture and maintain the building which is already planned ahead of time.

Richard Thurer says is there a plan of saving money for this facility. Fred explains that there is no direct plan but he's responsible for budget of the facility and if the facility doesn't use all that money then the budget for next year will be less. Fred bases the orders on if you need it buy don't just buy because you have money left over.

Fred claims that he is responsible for approving orders and invoices before they are finalized. Fred elaborates that the board is the one that point out the blind sides of the facility what they recommend to be purchased or changed to improve.

Fred initiates conversation where he states that he wants to establish a system that accurately calculates how many people come in and out of this facility so that program registration enrollment is calculated, as well as how many people register and don't show up. Fred establishes a membership of sorts where each member or patron of the facility will have a card so they can clock in and out. The purpose is to figure out what programs are popular which ones are not, which time of the day is popular.

Fred starts conversation about the parking explaining that it is becoming a big financial responsibility. He is just brainstorming different ways to lower the cost like maybe having the non-residents pay for their own parking. He explains that some patrons are still abusing the parking tickets by using them on Sunday which is odd because the facility is not open on Sunday. Fred highlights the fact that the facility offers and pays for 35 Valet spots but the patrons don't like to use it because they are scared of giving their car to the valet.

Jim Berlin and Celia Suarez were wondering if the entire building is owned by the palace because the Mercedes Benz uses almost 3 floors to park their cars. Fred elaborates that the entire building is owned by the palace and the Mercedes Benz Company rents out the parking spots.

Celia Suarez talks about the new membership that Fred wants to implement how they can distinguish between resident and non-residents. Katherine

**explains that the employees ask for their 2 proofs of residency to prove that their Coral Gables residents. Fred has spoken to patrons to see why they don't use the valet and it's because the valet people take forever and they don't trust the valet people with their car.**

**ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY**

**Celia purposed to move the meeting to the second Thursday October 10th to judge Art Show second by Edward passed unanimously**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**@ 5:57 P.M.**