

# SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of December 3, 2012 Meeting

Coral Gables Youth Center

MEMBERS	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	APPOINTED BY
Nadejda Mishkovsky	P	P	P	P	P	R	R	P	P	P	E	Mayor Jim Cason
Carol Brock	P	P	E	P	P	R	R	P	P	P	P	Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Maria Cruz	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	A	A	Comm. Maria Anderson
Katie Kreter	B	B	P	P	E	R	R	P	P	A	P	Comm. Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Ying Pestien	B	B	B	B	P	R	R	P	E	P	P	Comm. Frank C. Quesada
Evelyn Budde	P	A	P	P	P	R	R	E	P	P	P	City Manager Patrick G. Salerno
Clara Moreno	P	P	P	P	E	R	R	P	P	P	P	Senior Citizens Advisory Board

A = Absent  
 B = Not on Board at Time of Meeting  
 C = Resigned  
 E = Excused absence  
 P = Present  
 N = No quorum  
 R = Recessed  
 S = Sick  
 V= Vacant Position

**STAFF:**

Jessica Keller  
Community Services Director

Fred Couceyro  
Parks & Recreation Director

Letty Ellis,  
Senior Programs & Coral Gables resident

Tricia Spencer  
Recording Secretary

**GUESTS:**

1. Chairperson Carol Brock called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes: November 5 2012** – A motion was made by Evelyn Budde to approve the minutes of November 5, 2012. Motion was passed unanimously by the Board.
3. **Approval of Excused Absences** – Clara Moreno made a motion to excuse the absence of Nadia Mishkovsky who was unable to attend the meeting because her daughter was sick. Motion was passed unanimously by the Board.

4. **Senior Services Divisional Report**

a. **Report on Senior Services – Fred Couceyro**

Fred Couceyro said that the new budget fiscal year has begun. In addition to having the SHINE office at the Youth Center, Fred is interested in having the Center for Independent Living Programs there as well. It is a non-profit, social work agency that offers help to adults with job placement, independent living and adults who have Down Syndrome.

b. **Senior Center Programs – Letty Ellis**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Party will be held on Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012; doors open at 11:15 a.m., the event starts at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. We will be hosting a Toy Drive in partnership with the Coral Gables Police Department, please bring an unwrapped toy for a girl or boy. The event is restricted to 100 people; there are 30 plus people on the waiting list. There was a brief discussion about finding a key note speaker for the Annual Spring Luncheon which will be held on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Showtime is next Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.; the title of the movie is “Hitchcock” starring Anthony Hopkins.

5. **Old Business**

a. Annual Report to City Manager

Chairperson Carol Brock delivered the Annual Report to the City Manager.

b. Update on Senior Center

Carol Brock said that the City is still in the process of narrowing down a location and that the Palace is still being communicated as an option. The City is open to any suggestions the Board may have.

6. **New Business**

a. Crimewatch Representative

Carol Brock discussed joining the Crimewatch organization which meets the first Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m. at the Coral Gables Police Department; there is a yearly fee of \$50.00 to join. Crimewatch is great to join because it gives you a monthly update of what is happening in the city as well as discusses a lot of crime issues that have to do with seniors.

7. **Open Items**

Carol Brock suggested moving the time of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board meeting from 5:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Carol will not be able to attend the next Board meeting in January.

**Evelyn Budde made a motion to have the next Board meeting in February instead of January. Motion was passed unanimously by the Board.**

Fred announced that there will be a brand new event coming to the City of Coral Gables called the Big Toy Extravaganza on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in front of City Hall. The event will showcase police vehicles, bucket trucks, fire trucks, cranes, loaders, boats, a helicopter, double decker

buses, etc. He also said that the Holiday Tree Lighting event will be held on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Merrick Park.

8. **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The Senior Citizens Advisory Board will be on hiatus for the month of January. The next Senior Citizens Advisory Board meeting will be held on **Monday, February 4, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.** and will be held at the **Coral Gables War Memorial Youth Center** located at **405 University Drive, Coral Gables.**

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.