

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of January 10, 2011 meeting
Coral Gables Youth Center

MEMBERS	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	APPOINTED BY
Catherine Fahringer	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	E	P	P	P	Mayor Donald D. Slesnick II
Norma Lemberg	E	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	E	Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Marilyn Bruno	P	P	E	P	R	E	P	P	P	P	P	Comm. Maria Anderson
Dr. William Schiff	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	E	E	P	Comm. Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Frank Lynn	P	P	E	P	R	E	P	P	P	P	P	Comm. Wayne "Chip" Withers
Evelyn Budde	P	P	P	E	R	P	E	P	P	P	P	City Manager Patrick G. Salerno
Carol Brock	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	E	Senior Citizens Advisory Board

A = Absent

C = Cancelled

E = Excused absence

P = Present

N = No quorum

R = Recessed

S = Sick

V= Vacant Position

STAFF:

Fred Couceyro
Parks & Recreation Director

Anastasia Smith
Recreation Specialist-Senior Services

Tricia Spencer
Recording Secretary

GUESTS:

Katie Kreter, resident
Coral Gables

Irma Micera, resident
Coral Gables

1. Vice Chairperson Catherine Fahringer called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m.
2. C. Fahringer welcomed the staff and guests to the meeting.
3. **Approval of Excused Absences** – Marilyn Bruno made a motion to approve the excused absence of Norma Lemberg who is ill and Carol Brock who is currently out of town. Motion was passed unanimously by the Board.
4. **Senior Services Divisional Report**
 - a. Report on Senior Services – Fred Couceyro

Fred Couceyro distributed sample copies of a Memorandum of Understanding made between Key Biscayne Community Foundation and the City of Coral Gables. The Key Biscayne Community Foundation applied for a grant to promote the health of seniors in the community that was recently approved for funding. The grant will be used in collaboration with the City of Coral Gables to provide fitness type exercise programs for seniors that will monitor the development of seniors and used as a research tool

b. Senior Center Programs – Anastasia Smith

The Senior Center was closed during the Christmas holidays. There were 93 participants at the 2010 Holiday Luncheon. On December 15th, 2010, the Somerset Academy performed for the seniors. The calendar for February/March will be mailed out next week. Preparations are being made for the upcoming annual senior luncheon. A new Theater program will begin next month and the Choral group is going to be revamped.

5. **Old/New Business**

Marilyn Bruno suggested that Coral Gables TV have a show for seniors and video tape lectures that will help seniors that are unable to attend senior activities. Fred said that he is going to speak with Maria Fallon-Higgins, Public Affairs Manager, about having a senior segment on Coral Gables TV. Marilyn also informed the Board that the Broward County Community Foundation is advertising on National Public Radio that they will serve as an umbrella for any non-profit organization wishing to launch a project in the county.

The Annual Senior Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 23rd, 2011 at the Coral Gables Youth Center. Some seniors have voiced their opinions and would prefer an Entertainment speaker at the luncheon this year. Anastasia is going to speak with Adam Rosenbloom about sponsoring the luncheon.

Dr. William Schiff suggested changing the date of the Senior Art Show and the Board agreed. A new date is set to be announced soon. At last year's art show, we received donations from the Westin Colonnade Hotel, the Marriott, the 19th Hole restaurant at the Biltmore Hotel, admission passes to Jungle Island, and Hotel Sofitel.

Evelyn Budde reminded the Board about the 2nd Annual Tour of Kitchens event on January 29th, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tickets for the Tour of Kitchens cost \$35.00 and tickets for the luncheon and fashion show that is being held at the Country Club Prado cost \$50.00

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

The next meeting of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board will be held on **Monday, February 7, 2011** at 5:00 p.m. at the at the Coral Gables Youth Center located at 405 University Drive, Coral Gables 33134.

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.