

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of October 4, 2010 meeting
Coral Gables Youth Center

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

Paul Hunt
Senior Services Coordinator

Anastasia Smith
Recreation Specialist-Senior Services

Tricia Spencer
Recording Secretary

GUESTS:

Marli Lutz
Executive Director, Coral Gables @ Home

Belen Tejeiro
Volunteer for SHINE & certified SHINE
Counselor

Kristi Weida, resident
Coral Gables

1. Chairperson Carol Brock called the meeting to order at 5:05p.m.
2. C. Brock welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed her deepest sympathy to Marilyn Bruno whose mother passed away recently.
3. **Approval of Board minutes from September 13, 2010** – A motion was made by Norma Lemberg to approve the meeting minutes of September 13, 2010. Motion was passed unanimously by the Board.

4. **Approval of Excused Absences** – There were no excused absences.

5. **Senior Services Divisional Reports:**

a. Report on Senior Services – Fred Couceyro

The Budget was passed and Paul Hunt's position was eliminated. Fred thanked P. Hunt for the services he provided to the seniors in the Coral Gables community and said that it was a great pleasure working with him for the past 14 years.

b. Senior Center Programs – Anastasia Smith

Frances de Pontes Peebles, author of "The Seamstress" will be at next month's Book Club meeting on October 11th at 1:00 p.m. in Room 112. Singing Group starts this month; the group will be performing at the Seniors annual Holiday party. If anyone would like to join the Singing Group please contact Anastasia. The annual Holiday party will be held on December 13th, 2010. Computer Classes for Beginners will resume on Tuesdays, October 5th and 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the War Memorial Youth Center.

6. **Coral Gables at Home Report – Marli Lutz**

Marli Lutz congratulated the City of Coral Gables and Doctor's Hospital on a great collaboration for the Senior Health Fair. There were about 150 tests performed and 200 lunches were distributed.

7. **Old Business**

a. Art Show

Last Friday, Letty Ellis called each participant that participated in last year's art show. There are now 35 participants, 96 pieces of art and 18 prizes; registration for the senior art show is now closed. There are two new judges this year and ten new participants. Compared to last year, the number of participants has decreased by 20 to 30 percent.

b. Health Fair

Carol Brock said that the Health Fair was professionally done and commended everyone. A lot of the seniors that attended told her that they did not make reservations for the Health Fair. Peg Hairston, a Baptist employee who attended the health fair, said that the Coral Gables senior residents were the best group of people that she has worked with and everyone was polite.

c. Budget Hearing

Coral Gables resident, Dorothy Thompson, spoke on behalf of the seniors at the September 28th, Budget Hearing. Since then, the Budget has been passed.

8. New Business

a. City Manager Salerno for Dec. Mtg.

At our next meeting the Board will bring any questions that they or other Seniors may have to ask the City Manager when he attends the December meeting. The Board will compile all the questions together between now and December 1st, that they would like to ask the City Manager, removing all duplicate questions and putting questions in order of priority. Questions for the City Manager will be sent to him as a courtesy prior to the December meeting.

b. 501 (c) 3

There was a discussion about the administrative cost, annual fee and tax deduction involved in having a 501 (c) 3 fund. C. Brock is checking into a possible 501 (c) 3 fund that currently exists within the City.

9. Open Items

Belkis Frangente was awarded the Positive Living Award in the category of Entertainment and Recreation.

There is space available for the SHINE office in the Youth Center; Kathy Sarmiento wants to start off utilizing the space for one day per week. Belen Tejeiro, volunteer and counselor of the SHINE said that training to become a volunteer consists of two sessions. The first session will be held from October 12th to October 14th. Session two will be held on November 4th and 5th. The next training after this will begin in January. C. Brock said that she will speak to Belkys Perez about putting the training in the January edition of the Golden Gables newsletter.

There was a discussion on having a Candidate Forum for the seniors with the upcoming elections. Fred Couceyro will check to see if this is a problem or not because we are a municipality.

The Dalai Lama will be speaking at the University of Miami on October 26th. If you are interested in seeing the Dalai Lama, there are still a few tickets still available at the Youth Center for Coral Gables residents only.

10. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board will be held on **Monday, November 1, 2010** at 5:00 p.m. at the at the Coral Gables Youth Center located at 405 University Drive, Coral Gables 33134.

11. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.