

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 1, 2018

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

@ 5:10

ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting - Jane Mass, Joan Valdez, Celia Suarez, Evelyn Budde, Jim Belin, Richard Thurer. Excused absence - Hendricks Woods

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion to approve by Joan and Seconded by Jane

CM SENIOR PRESENTATIONS DISCUSSION

Fabien mentioned that the City Manager is interested in holding bi- monthly presentations at the AAC to address topics that would be of interest to the senior demographic.

The Board agreed on three topics - Transportation, Communication, Hurricane preparedness

Fabien will work to schedule the first meeting at end of March

AGE FRIENDLY PLANS TO PRACTICE' DISCUSSION

Jane mentioned that the City Manager was interested in working toward making Coral Gables an "Age-Friendly Community". Jane talked about the key domains of livability mentioned in the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities“.

One of the domains refers to "Emergency Preparedness". Jane believes that given the recent storm issues, this area would be the focus for the Coral Gables community.

Jane mentioned that one of the first steps would be for the Board to work expeditiously to complete the Resolution and get it to the commissioners before hurricane season.

UPDATE ON HURRICANE SHELTERS & STRATEGIES

Jane brought up the lack of shelters in Coral Gables residents.

Jane spoke with Natalie Paz, liaison from the City of Coral Gables Emergency Management Services office, to request information related to storm preparation, shelters and evacuation options for Coral Gables residents.

Jane passed out information that contained Miami-Dade County Shelter Operations Websites and answers to questions regarding the storm's impact on Coral Gables residents. Information Included the following:

Website with information regarding accommodations for people with disabilities

List of evacuation centers to general population

Stated that the number of Coral Gables residents at the shelters was not tracked

Evacuation Centers opened 3 days before the storm landfall

Some shelters reached capacity the day before storm landed

Jim Berlin mentioned that he had to evacuate to a hotel but was told that he had to leave because it was unsafe. He went to three different shelters but was not able to get into any of them.

Fabien stated that he expects the Center to start preparing participants and residents with accurate information before hurricane season starts in 2018.

The Board is interested in working on an emergency preparedness initiative. Jane will reach out to the CM to get her thoughts on this topic and invite her to the next meeting.

AAC SUPERVISOR REPORT

Fabien announced many new special programs at the Adult Activity Center:

Gerry Coe Concert - Friday, February 2nd -7 – 7:30 PM - Variety of music. One man band playing Caribbean style music, food and drinks.

Trip to Government Center - Feb. 7 – 10:30 AM - led by volunteer, Ying Pestien . Participants will travel to get Golden Passport using public transportation.

Dinner and Movie – Coming of Age in Aging America. Friday, Feb 16th – 7 – 7:30 PM - Full meal will be served. Sponsored by United Way and Co-Sponsored by City of Coral Gables.

Rising Star Concert Series - Feb 23 – 6:00 PM Rising Star Ensemble

Pasta and Pucini – March 9 – 5:30 PM – Opera music along with fine Italian cuisine.

Hurricane Preparedness Seminar - presentation by County Emergency Management team. Fabien will confirm date.

Celia suggested that she would like to see the AAC put together summary of available services to the Senior population.

Board interested in seeing AAC attendance report comparing growth between 2016 - 2017. Fabien will do presentation at the next meeting..

ITEMS FROM SECRETARY

Jane mentioned that she would reach out to Fred to get a sample copy of a Resolution format in order to get guidance on putting a recommendation on paper that can be forwarded to the commissioners.

Next Meeting will be held on March 1st.

ADJOURNMENT

@ 6:08