

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of March 3, 2014 Meeting

Coral Gables Youth Center

MEMBERS	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	APPOINTED BY
Nadejda Mishkovsky	P	E	R	R	P	P	N	P	P	P	P	Mayor Jim Cason
Carol Brock	P	P	R	R	P	P	N	P	P	P	P	Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Jane Mass	B	P	R	R	P	P	C	C	E	P	P	Comm. Patricia Keon
Maria Cruz	P	P	R	R	P	P	N	P	P	P	P	Comm. Vince Lago
Ying Pestien	P	P	R	R	P	P	N	P	E	P	P	Comm. Frank C. Quesada
Evelyn Budde	E	A	R	R	P	E	N	P	P	P	E	City Manager Patrick G. Salerno
Clara Moreno	P	P	R	R	P	P	C	V	V	V	V	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:

Fred Couceyro,
Parks and Recreation Director

Letty Ellis
Adult Activities Coordinator

Tricia Spencer
Administrative Assistant

GUESTS:

Joan Valdes
Coral Gables Resident

Toni DeCamp Garcia
Coral Gables Resident

Katie Kreter
Coral Gables Resident

1. Chairperson Carol Brock called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. Carol Brock welcomed staff and board members to the meeting.
3. **Approval of Agenda - A motion was made by Maria Cruz to approve the agenda. Motion was passed unanimously by the Board.**

4. **Approval of Excused Absences** - A motion was made by Carol Brock to approve the excused absence of Evelyn Budde. Motion was passed unanimously by the Board.
5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes: February 3, 2014** – A motion was made by Nadejda Mishkovsky to approve the minutes of February 3, 2014. Motion was passed unanimously by the Board.
6. **Adult Activities Center Divisional Report**

a. Adult Activities Center Report - Letty Ellis

On March 10th meet the author Jane Allen Petrick who will be discussing her book “Hidden in Plain Sight: The Other People in Norman Rockwell’s America”. Annual Spring Lunch will be held on Wednesday, April 9th at the Palace Coral Gables. Letty reminded all Board members to RSVP with her on their attendance for the upcoming luncheon. Letty attended the Lola B. Walker Homeowners Association meeting to reach out to members of the community. Letty also distributed current copies of the Adult Activities Calendar at the meeting. Letty Ellis spoke to Bridgette Thornton, Deputy City Attorney who has agreed to give a short presentation on Parliamentary Procedures at the next Board meeting. Letty also said that all new Board members should meet with her or Carol Brock to go over a brief history of the Adult Activities Center and its programs.

7. **New Business**

Maria Cruz inquired about the rule of one person belonging to more than one advisory board because one of the prospective candidates for the Board-As-A-Whole position was currently serving on another board within the city.

Fred Couceyro checked with the City Attorney’s Office and confirmed that a person cannot belong to more than one advisory board, however, the Emergency Management Division board is not an advisory board, therefore the prospective candidate is still eligible to serve on the Senior Citizens Advisory Board if elected.

8. **Open Items**

Fred Couceyro said because of the 20 year Development Agreement between the City of Coral Gables and the University of Miami, Coral Gables residents are eligible for free sports tickets such as women’s basketball, men’s basketball, football and baseball tickets. Tickets are distributed on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on a first-come, first-served basis; tickets are two per household.

9. **Interview for Board-As-A-Whole Vacancy**

a) 5:15 p.m. - Joan Valdes

Joan Valdes introduced herself to the Board. Joan is an attorney and has lived in Coral Gables for the past 27 years. She served on three city boards and with her experience and knowledge, Joan feels that she will be an asset to the Senior Citizens Advisory Board and would welcome the opportunity to serve on this board. Joan also said that if elected, she will immediately resign from the Emergency Management Division board.

b) 5:30 p.m. - Toni DeCamp Garcia

Toni DeCamp Garcia introduced herself to the Board. Toni is currently a lifetime member of The

Villagers and used to be a flight attendant with Delta Airlines from 1964 to 2005. Toni participates in the annual senior art show as well as other classes at the Adult Activities Center.

c) 5:45 p.m. - Katie Kreter

Katie Kreter introduced herself to the Board. Katie used to be a member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board and is a Coral Gables resident. Katie does a lot of volunteer work and participates in many of the programs at the Adult Activities Center.

10. Election of Board-As-A-Whole

A motion was made by Jane Mass to nominate Joan Valdes as Board-As-A-Whole.

After a discussion of the candidates, Joan Valdes was elected by a majority of the Board members to the Board -As-A-Whole position.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.