

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 9, 2020

5:00 PM

The Board meets the first Thursday of each month.
Adult Activity Center, 2 Andalusia Avenue, Coral Gables, FL 33134
Senior Citizens Advisory Board

CALL TO ORDER

at 5:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Celia Suarez

Edward English

Jim Berlin

Joan Valdes

Julian Sevillano

Richard Thurer

Absent:

Jane Mass

A motion to excuse the absence of Jane Mass was made by Jim Berlin and second by Joan Valdes. Motion passed unanimously.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion to approve December's minutes was made by Jim Berlin and second by Julian Sevillano. Motion passed unanimously.

II. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Katherine Anderson began her report with welcoming back assistant supervisor Manny Guerrero from paternity leave.

Upcoming programming: Vice Major Lago will be hosting a town hall meeting at the AAC Thursday January 30th at 6:00 p.m.

City Manager will be hosting the US1 Corridor workshop at the AAC on Monday, February 3rd at 5:00 p.m. If the board is interested in any information pertaining to the workshop, they should reach out to the City Managers office.

Katherine has reached out to the Freebie shuttle service and is working with them to host a series of presentations at the AAC on how to use the app and request transportation.

Ivonne of Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Outreach will do a presentation on scamming seniors and how to recognize. Would like to have the presentation in both English and Spanish to have a further reach.

Next events will be the AAC Variety show on Friday February 28 at 5:00 p.m. And the Annual Luncheon for the volunteers will be Friday April the 17th at 1:00 p.m.

Jim Berlin asked for follow-up with the Coral Gables Hospital speaker. Manny reached out to the representative they have worked with in the past and she no longer is with the hospital. Katherine will reach out to get a new representative for outreach opportunities.

Mitch followed up with events that are happening within the City that the board might have interest in. Events include the Big Toy Extravaganza Saturday January 11th, the Ponce Circle Park design meeting will be at the Youth Center February 6th at 7 p.m., and the Coral Gables Farmer's Market will begin Saturday January 18th and will run until March 28th.

No update on the masterplan. An extension was requested for presentation of the plan. Once received, the Master plan will be shared with the board.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Joan Valdes requested information on the bocce schedule and if a senior night has been considered. Katherine let the board know that there is a community bocce night for participants ages 16 and over at the Youth Center. Registration is required. Katherine said she can look into bringing the program back to the Adult Activity Center for summer programming. A discussion on the difference between bocce and boccia was had.

A brief discussion was had on how to purchase tickets to Mamma Mia! from the Theater Group.

Jane Mass submitted to the board secretary for distribution to board members the annual report for review. No additional edits were made and will be submitted to the City Clerks office as a final draft.

The board members each spoke about their assigned areas of interest in which the board has decided to focus on to accomplish for the new year.

Celia reported back to the board about how the AAC should incorporate more continuing education classes on technology, cell phone user classes, webcam classes, etc. Joan Valdez offered to volunteer to teach an i-phone user class. Richard asked if a workshop can be provided on how to maneuver the City of Coral Gables webpage. Katherine would like to pair the city website and online registration in the same workshop. Katherine will reach out to Miami Dade College and to the City 's IT Department to see if they are interested in providing workshops and seminars.

Julian spoke to the board about the guest speaker he offered to have speak at February's board meeting from the Center for Cognitive Neuroscience and Aging. He requested for Dr. Rosie Curiel Cid speak to the board on the topic of Dementia and how to practically handle side effects of dementia. Julian requests the board to be ready to ask questions about what the City of Coral Gables can offer its residents by having Dr. Curiel Cid speak to them.

Katherine requested that the guest speaker be at the beginning of the agenda for the February board meeting. The board was all in favor.

Richard Thurer brought up bike paths and sidewalks. Mitch was able to inform the board that the topic will be brought up at the next commission meeting as two separate items. A brief discussion was had about the history of sidewalks in the City and surrounding areas. Based on information

gathered from the Park's Master Plan, one of the top requests was connectivity and sidewalks. So this might be an item in the future that the City will incorporate.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY

The next meeting is schedule for February 6th 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

at 6:05 p.m.

NOTE