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*City of Cooper City*  
**SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
April 14, 2011

**CALL TO ORDER:**

7pm Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Noreen Gilman

**ROLL CALL:**

All present except for Nancy Sparks

**MINUTES:**

Motion was made to approve the minutes from 3/23/11 meeting and was duly seconded.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Information from property appraisers office for seniors:

- A) Low income senior exemption on property taxes, combined household income **\$26,000** or less eligible for \$300.00 savings. Must be 65 on Jan. 1 for eligibility and if you receive already you must Renew.
- B) Disabled vets can apply for vet exemption, need a copy of disability from VA, Can apply for non vet exemption based on your income, must contact property appraisers office.
- C) If widowed you can apply for up to **\$500.00** exemption off assessed value, must contact property appraisers office for more information.

State Legislation:

SB 1572 Termination of Gas of Electric Service:

Prohibits any utility from terminating a senior citizen or low income families gas or electric service from non payment on any day or on the following two calendar days, during which the National Weather Service forecast extreme temperatures in the area in which the senior citizen or low income family reside.

Suggest sending to Mayor and commissioners in writing asking can we publicize our support of the bill as a city or advisory board? Can we contact legislature in support of bill?

At next Civic Association meeting 4/21/2011, the speaker will be Art Santucci to address senior issues and new programs in Broward county. Members of this board should attend the meeting if possible. It meets at the Community Rec and starts at 7pm.

**SPEAKERS:**

Ken Richardson, Director of Recreation  
Lynda Good, Assistant Director of Recreation

Ken Richardson gave a summary of what the Rec. does, staff and a brief history. Lynda Good passed around the yearly Rec. events sheet and went over Cooper City newsletter. Talked briefly about the Founders Day event coming up. Told us all Events are posted at the Community Center and for us to talk up our facilities and events.

**MEMBERS CONCERNS:**

Elizabeth Villasenor brought up the water aerobics and lack of participation is due to the water is very cold. Was discussed briefly and there is no solution. To change temperature isn't possible due to the time it takes.

Stan Nuemann brought up concern regarding seniors who do not drive and depend on senior transportation program. How much advance notice does scheduler need to accommodate a request? First, senior must be registered with the city to participate in the program. Lynda said it is based on individual case by case basis, not a set minimum. Transportation is on Tuesday and Thursday and funding is restricted and program has parameters as to how far they can travel.

Noreen Gilman suggested we need to try to get more seniors signed up.

Robert Fleisher asked how many were signed up now, per Lynda about 35. He also suggested that local Doctor offices have a display or let those who live in Cooper City know about the program.

Sharon suggested Senior recognition at Founders day, possibly be in the parade. Pick a senior who has contributed to city government input and volunteered time to local events and programs should be recognized.

Noreen Gilman introduced Gary Laufenberg, Cooper City Rec. advisory board member.

Noreen Gilman brought up possibly having our high school seniors to earn service hours by helping out our Senior citizens. No conclusion was reached as to what service they could perform.

Gail Jaffee brought the legal aspect of this to the boards attention and that if something was set up it would have to be monitored securely to avoid legalities.

Robert Fleisher asked if the demographic breakdown was available yet and per Ken not yet.

Sharon Taylor stated we as a board should hear from our seniors as to what they would like to see us accomplish or tackle. What ideas and concerns they have. Maybe have a suggestion box at the Rec.

Noreen Gilman said the luncheons are a good place to talk to seniors and get suggestions.

Robert Fleisher suggested setting time limits for public input at our meetings. The board agreed.

Stan Nuemann suggested we have documentation of senior's ideas or concerns.

Ken Richardson suggested we make a list of issues and tackle them one by one.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next Senior Advisory Board meeting will be held May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM @ Pool & Tennis Center.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made to adjourn and was duly seconded.

Minutes completed by: **Sharon Taylor**

The foregoing Minutes were approved on: June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

Noreen Gilman  
Chairperson  
Senior Advisory Board