

COOPER CITY SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING 8/16/11

Call to order @ 7pm

Roll Call – We had no official role call sheet, however Nancy Sparks & Teri Sullivan were not present due to being on vacation.

Stan Nuemann made a motion to accept the minutes Robert Fleisher duly seconded.

Guest speaker was Joe Morel with the Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc and they are a non-profit organization that gets amplified telephones for residents with hearing impairments. This is no additional cost as it is a fee included in our phone bills. This is not just for seniors but for any resident with an impairment when on the telephone. Joe wanted the board to help get this information to the proper person so he could set up a date to come out and do a brief demo and to take orders for phones. Luckily Patty Williams attended our meeting and just happens to be the person Joe needs to get up with, she is in charge of Senior Services. They exchanged contact information and are going to shoot for December I believe. This does need confirmed. The only requirement for a phones is that you are 3 years old and up and a resident of Florida. He said they do have a basic hearing test but if you state you have a need you will get a phone.

Noreen Gilman said she would help to get the word out at the Cooper City Civic group meeting.

Elizabeth Villasenor asked how to get one of these phones repaired if there were issues. Joe stated there is a location on Cypress Creek Rd. that you can take your phone to and get a replacement. He also stated they are in the field also for seniors who can't get to the replacement center, they can arrange to get as close as possible to them if not come direct to them.

Jean Steinfeld suggested to incorporate this into the "TO YOUR HEALTH" Activity. Patty Williams will work this out with Joe.

Sharon Taylor suggested doing this demo at the luncheons and Patty stated she would make an announcement to get an idea of those interested but not during the luncheon. Elizabeth also stated she could make an announcement at Silver Sneakers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patty Williams announced the Rec. Dept. is going to start having speakers twice a month about different areas that seniors are concerned about. Once at the Community Center and one at the Pool and Tennis center.

Patty also informed us the most recent Brochure is the last one due to the budget, so she and Lynda Good will put out a newsletter with information about activities with a calendar. They will include in the newsletter, anything our board suggests that gets approved.

Someone gave all board members present information about an official US flag retirement ceremony on 9/10/11 from 5-8pm. You can bring out your old flags for a proper burning or you can join for first hand experience of the proper care of retiring old flags.

OLD BUSINESS:

We discussed the Healthy Living Workshop that Noreen had suggested at our last meeting. She will get with Patty as the Rec. Dept. as they have just implemented a "TO YOUR HEALTH" activity which covers what our board had discussed. Patty also told us that the Rec. Dept. needs more volunteers to help in many different areas for the activities the city offers. Please go to the Community Center to fill out registration to volunteer.

Stan asked if Noreen had contacted the fire dept. to see if they had a list of seniors. Noreen was told they did not have one. They suggested she get with Linda Vickers and she also has no list. Stan will call a gentleman from the C.E.R.T. program to see if they have a list. Robert Fleisher stated he had seen something in the brochure about a list or sending in information for a list.

MEMBER CONCERNS:

Bob was concerned with the Flyer that Joe Morel gave us as it was from another company called HEARx and not from Florida Telecommunications Relay. He suggested we not use this as folks may end up having to pay something going through this company and it may mislead people into thinking this is where they would get their phones.

OPEN FORUM:

We had a guest from the Recreation Advisory Board attend our meeting, Joe Thiry (not sure about the last name). He informed us that the Rec. Board meets the 1st Monday of the month at 6:30pm.

Our next meeting for the senior advisory board will be 9/20/11.

Motion to adjourn by Gail Jaffe and duly seconded by Jean Steinfeld.

Always Watchful, Always Faithful
Sharon Taylor
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