

City of Cooper City
SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 21, 2011

7pm Meeting called to order

Roll Call taken all were present

Motion was made by Terry to approve the minutes from 4/14/2011 and motion to second was made by Sharon.

We had no guest present to introduce

We had no unfinished old business to discuss.

Noreen supplied each member with some demographics of Cooper City based on the last census. We briefly discussed the number of seniors living in Cooper City and the senior population is growing.

Noreen briefed the members on the Seniors vs Crime program. A partnership with Broward Sheriff's office, the state Attorney General's office and resident volunteers to man phones at the Sheriff's office for questions, complaints and information for our Seniors. There is a two day training session for volunteers performed by the Sheriff's department on July 27 and 28 at BSO. Noreen thought the time was 8am-4:30pm and you must attend both days. Contact Linda Victor for more information and to sign up, her contact number is 954-441-8330.

NEW BUSINESS & CONTINUED SENIOR PROJECT DISCUSSION:

Noreen has spoken with Cheryl Comanero (hope that is correct) 954-434-1951 at the supervisor of elections office about absentee voting. You must renew on line or contact the hotline 954-357-7055 to request an absentee ballot. They will no longer send to you as in the past. The website to learn more is: <http://www.browardsoe.org/content.aspx?id=30> (Absentee Ballot Request Information, **General Contact** 954-357-7055, **Mary Hall** absenteeballot@browardsoe.org). This is something that needs to get out to all seniors.

We discussed what constitutes a quorum, as at our 5/17/2011 meeting we did not think we had a quorum so we had no official meeting. Gail found that a quorum is 50% plus one. We now have a full understanding for the future.

Nancy has attended some senior functions at JCC at Pine Island and Sterling and was talking to seniors about what they need or want. She said most said they needed company or a little companionship.

Noreen likes the idea of starting a book club.

Sharon brought up that the Davie senior advisory board had a garage sale and raised \$200.00 to help with senior activities. Think that is something we should discuss.

Noreen is concerned about Broward Meals on Wheels and how in Cooper City we have gone from it being offered 5 days a week to 2 days a week. Gail informed us that due to the lack of attendance is why it was decreased. According to Broward Meal on Wheels you must have 20 people to attend each day to have it offered each day. The amount of seniors have increased so we may be able to get it back to 5 days. You must be in attendance at the Rec to receive the lunch to be part of the count of 20.

Nancy saw on HLN a lady Gail Gainato who works with seniors in Broward county and suggested we should reach out to her for any information we feel is relevant to our board. Noreen will try to contact her.

We discussed again that we have a bus which transports seniors to various locations and outings but it is limited.

Terry brought up concerns as to why so few seniors participate in the numerous activities that Cooper City offers for seniors.

Elizabeth stated the city had a nutrition program last Wed. and it was very informative and they learned a lot. She discussed Cooper City Silver Sneakers and how they have a big turnout for this. Not sure why not more turnout for other activities.

Gail stated we need to make seniors aware of the activities. She feels they are not reading the Cooper City newsletter so they are not aware.

Elizabeth stated she goes to a LabCorp and she was asked by the manager about putting up Cooper City senior activity information. She gave Noreen the managers business card and Noreen will try to make contact with her.

Sharon suggested getting a list of seniors so we can try to reach out to them specifically. Gail stated the city has a list and so does BSO. Sharon also mentioned a donation box at Rec to benefit seniors or programs and it bombed.

Bob said the city has money for senior activities.

Bob thought the board was to have the commissioners run things by the board in relation to senior activities. Actually we are to make suggestions and give ideas to the Ken and he submits it to the commissioners. Let's find out what the commissioners expect from this board.

Doesn't think routing everything through the Rec. dept. is productive and we should be going straight through the commissioners.

Gail suggested we have a flyer/survey to get out to the seniors who do not or can't attend outings so to reach out to more and find out what they would like to see from the board. She said city would do the mailing.

Terry pointed out since we have the newsletter with senior activities maybe we can include a survey with that.

Noreen thinks getting the High school students involved somehow to help them earn community service credit is a good idea.

Stan agrees with getting a survey out to seniors for their input and Davie puts out a commercial on Comcast and it is free. We should research this or have the commissioners find out more info. Stan says we could consider putting a list of senior activities in other periodicals in Cooper City as well as contacting editors to see if they will include in publications.

We all do not understand why more seniors do not attend activities???

Sharon and Gail suggested going door to door to get feedback from seniors who do not respond to survey, so their thoughts can be included. Sharon has volunteered to do this, hopefully others will also.

Stan discussed the C.E.R.T. program he belongs to and how it is helpful for seniors, which is through the Fire department.

We can contact Lois Wexler for (not sure why, didn't get it down)??

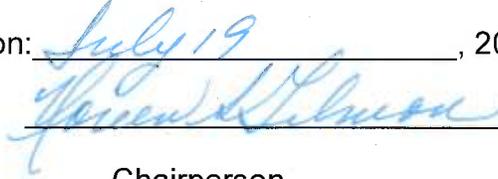
Noreen suggest we can reach out to local places of worship to see what they offer seniors.

We are all in agreement on the senior survey and we would like to suggest to commissioners. We can work on details at our next meeting. We are deliberating on not having a meeting in August.

8:10pm Stan motioned to adjourn and it was duly seconded.

Minutes completed by: **Sharon Taylor**

The foregoing Minutes were approved on: July 19, 2011.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sharon Taylor", is written over a horizontal line.

Chairperson

Senior Advisory Board