

**SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AGING
CITY OF GULFPORT
DECEMBER 15, 2014**

MINUTES

Call to Order: Jerryanne Hindman called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call: Karean Dorn, Mary Stull, Roz Barbieri, Margo Scannell, Jerryanne Hindman and Rachel Cataldo. Audrey Hallmark is ill.

1. Approval of November 17, minutes

Margo Scannell made a motion to approve the minutes. Karean Dorn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. Old Business

a. 3-5 Most Important Goals for the Senior Center/City of Gulfport Seniors –

Background research on income eligible senior housing and crosswalk update.

Roz Barbieri researched income eligibility housing. She discussed an environment in Long Island where there were 21 individuals in a shared housing facility. Each person had their own bedroom, but shared living room, kitchen and bath. A housekeeper came in once daily and fed them lunch. There was also a Supervisor who checked on the residents three times a week. This was a grant awarded through the hospital. Roz also provided a write up on shared living written by the State of New York. See attached information.

Discussion ensued about different concepts of shared living. It was agreed, the best approach is to do additional research then go to the City Council explaining the housing need in Gulfport for the seniors. Rachel Cataldo gave the Council statistics showing that 60% of the members of the Senior Center live in Gulfport. Of the overall population at the Center, 13% are living 100% below the poverty level and 16% are living 125% under the poverty. It was suggested that we contact Jennifer Salmon for her vast knowledge of this subject.

It was decided Jerryanne and Rachel would put together numbers relevant to Gulfport seniors. It was also decided that Jerryanne would contact Jennifer and ask if she would please attend our next SAC meeting and review with us what we want to accomplish and guide us in the proper direction.

Crosswalk review: Jerryanne will be meeting with Don Sopak, Director of Public Works, to determine what roads, etc. we could address where we feel there is a need for a crosswalk. It has been determined one of the most dangerous is 58th Street and 28th Avenue which has no crosswalk, is an exit for Town Shores and has a bus stop on both sides of 58th Street.

b. Year End Review

At the last meeting, it was suggested that we perform a review of what has been accomplished and a forecast of where we are headed and present those findings to City Council. It was decided, Jerryanne would present what our plans are for the next 12 months as opposed to reviewing the previous 12 months.

3. New Business

a. Most Important Goal Review/Suggestions

i. No Smoking at entrances to City Building.

Rachel is looking into what ordinance requirement is needed to make the outside of the Senior Center, a non-smoking environment. She will discuss this with Jim O'Reilly, City Manager and report back in our January meeting. It could be as simple as hanging a sign, but the City Manager can guide us.

ii. Senior Center Activities that focus on men.

Rachel has had several suggestions about creating activities geared toward men to encourage their participation at the Center. A gentleman suggested a "Cigar Club", but there has been no other men offering any suggestions. It was suggested that maybe a GEMS run to the Habana Cigar Store would be something they would like. It was decided that Rachel would put up a sign asking if there were any men who would be interested in creating a Card Club.

iii. Virtual Village (Audrey)

Since Audrey is absent due to illness, this discussion is being tabled until our January meeting.

iv. Rehabilitative Pool

Karean Dorn suggested there is a need for a pool for rehabilitation, since it enhances recovery from various medical conditions. She suggested the use of

a Town Shores pool. Roz Barbieri explained there is no way any non-resident could use the pool due to liability.

b. Recent Resignation

Ann Hayes has resigned from the Senior Advisory Council. Jerryanne asked the Council to think about any other candidates that might want to help.

4. Other Suggestions

None.

Roz Barbieri made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Margo Scannell seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourn at 9:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 20th at 8:00 a.m.

Recorded & Written by Jerryanne Hindman