

City of Gulfport, Florida
Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee on Aging
Monday, October 17, 2016
8:00 a.m.

The Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center – 5501 27th Avenue South, Gulfport, FL 33707

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting held on Monday, October 17, 2016 was called to order by Margo Scannell at 8:03 am.

2. Roll Call

Present: Leslie Glass, Bernie Wright, Audrey Hallmark, Karean Dorn, Margo Scannell, Roz Barbieri, Linda Grimes, and City Representative Rachel Cataldo.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Committee Chairperson Report

None

5. Senior Center Monthly Report

Rachel Cataldo reports that Senior Center members have been coming back for the winter months and the center has been busy. The Senior Center has applied for a grant to renovate the patio area and assist with the Seasoned Sowers Garden Club. The Senior Center will also be applying for a federal grant to assist with replacing a GEMS vehicle. The Senior Center is preparing for a very busy holiday season.

6. Foundation Monthly Report

None

7. Consent:

Audrey Hallmark made a motion to accept the Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting minutes of May 16, 2016 and June 6, 2016 as written, Roz Barbieri second the motion. All were in favor.

8. Old Business:

A. No Foundation Monthly Report was given due to the absence of a Foundation representative. There was much discussion on how the committee would like to proceed with the relationship development between the two organizations. In order to simplify the request, Rachel Cataldo was asked to request a written quarterly report from the Foundation to include event/activity updates and proposed goals.

- B. Rachel Cataldo reports that the new equipment for the Fitness Center is scheduled to be delivered. The center will reopen soon with the Grand Opening to be held on Wednesday, November 9th.

9. New Business

A. - *Assistance for elderly to vote.* Linda Grimes suggested that there be more assistance for the elderly population to vote (volunteer drivers, encouragement to vote by mail, additional advertisement, etc.) It was decided that this will be revisited prior to the next voting date.

- *Recognition for Committee's accomplishments.* Leslie Glass suggested that the committee be recognized for the events, activities, and accomplishments that are directly related in order to bring more awareness to the committee.

- *Extending the months in which the committee meets.* Bernie Wright suggested that the committee meet from September to June, only taking off two months during the summer. The committee had much discussion in reference to the meeting day and months.

Margo Scannell motioned to change the Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee on Aging meeting day to be the second Tuesday of every month from September to June. Linda Grimes second the motion. All were in favor.

- *Restrooms and water fountains.* Linda Grimes suggested that the City of Gulfport offer additional restrooms and water fountains throughout the city in order to accommodate seniors who are walking or visiting the parks and other outdoor facilities.

- B. No discussion on this item.

10. Other business

None

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Leslie Glass and second by Linda Grimes. All were in favor.

Any person who decides to appeal any decision of the Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee on Aging with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings and for such purposes may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. The law does not require the transcription of verbatim minutes; therefore, the applicant must make the necessary arrangements with a private reporter or private reporting firm and bear the resulting expense. Any person with a disability requiring reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this meeting should call (727) 893-2237 or fax a written request to (727) 893-1112.