

Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee on Aging
October 18, 2010
Gulfport Senior Center – 8:30am

PRESENT: Sue Abbe, Dotty Bellefleur, Cynthia Dean (Senior Services Coordinator), Sue Frank (Senior Center Supervisor), Delia Saavedra, Margo Scannell, Mary Stull

Excused: Fran Haney, Pam McGinnis, Gerry O'Regan,

Resigned: Babette Copolla

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the September 2010 meeting were approved by Dotty Bellefleur and seconded by Mary Stull

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Resource Directory for Gulfport Businesses/Services

A revised copy of the Gulfport Business Directory was distributed for review. Suggestions were made to further enhance the directory. Once the latest revisions are made, the material will be given to GEMS riders. This will help promote the fact that GEMS provides transportation to other places besides medicals and grocery stores.

Margo suggested we put in quotes/photos of GEMS riders in the Gabber every other week to help promote GEMS. She also suggested we promote GEMS to the Reassurance clients.

The Senior Center will be selling Luminaries again this year. They will be displayed at the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Monday, December 6 at 7pm. There are currently 25 names of recently deceased members of the Senior Center or GEMS that will be included.

Food Pantry – Suggestions to put forth an appeal for food through the Holiday Hoopla. Margo will contact Leslie (president of Merchant's Assoc.) to see if this could be included on their flyer promoting their event with stations around the city to collect the food items. Suggestion that Teen Council could be involved.

Walk-In Clinic - Discussion on need for a medical clinic in the immediate area. Will invite Jerry and Phil Reed to meet with Advisory next month for further discussion. Advisory willing to meet at their facility if they so request.

If idea is taken a step further, a draft letter will be drawn to take to other medical facilities such as Walgreens, or satellite stations of area hospitals such as Bayfront, Edward White, etc. Hopefully, a facility will take Medicare and Medicaid. The 49th St. S. area would be an ideal location as it is close to Child's Park.

Note: Invite Gabber staff to a later meeting.

Next Meeting

The next Senior Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Monday, November 15, 2010 at 8:30am at the Gulfport Senior Center.