

**Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee on Aging**  
**March 15, 2010**  
**Gulfport Senior Center – 8:30am**

**PRESENT:** Sue Abbe, Dotty Bellefleur, Babette Coppola, Cynthia Dean (Senior Services Coordinator), Sue Frank (Senior Center Supervisor), Frances Haney, Pam McGinnis, Delia Saavedra, Margo Scannell, Mary Stull

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

Minutes of the February 2010 meeting were approved by Sue Abbe and seconded by Margo Scannell.

**UPDATE ON OLD BUSINESS:**

**TROLLEY TOUR**

The next Trolley Tour on the History of Gulfport is scheduled for Monday, April 26 at 1:30pm. Seniors on the wait list will be contacted to see if they are still interested. The tour will start at the Senior Center and proceed to the Gulfport Museum, etc.

**SENIOR CENTER ACCREDITATION & OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**

The Senior Center Accreditation Celebration will now be tied in with the Older Americans Month Celebration on Wednesday, May 19. Details for the celebration are forthcoming.

**TRANSPORTATION FAIR**

The Senior Center's Transportation Fair will be held on Wednesday, March 24 at 1:30pm to help raise public awareness of transportation options for seniors. Sue Abbe, Dotty Bellefleur and Margo Scannell offered to provide volunteer services at the GEMS table. GEMS staff would also be available to share info on GEMS.

**MARKETING CITY SERVICES FOR SENIORS**

GEMS will now provide free transportation for seniors once a month to Gulfport's Fresh Market. It was suggested that arrangements could be made to reserve the handicapped space for a GEMS vehicle.

Cynthia Dean now has flyers on the GEMS Service. Dotty Bellefleur and Frances Haney offered to distribute the flyers to Gulfport businesses that are sites for the Gabber distribution. This involves about 20 businesses. Sue Abbe said she would distribute flyers at Town Shores. Flyers could also be distributed to area churches.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**REQUEST FOR BENCHES**

Cynthia Dean brought up the need for outdoor benches at local grocery stores so that our frail and elderly GEMS riders could sit down while waiting for transportation. It was determined that letters should be written to Publix and Sweet Bay in South Pasadena and also Winn Dixie on 58<sup>th</sup> St. N. requesting their consideration to provide benches. Publix did have benches at their old location. Sweet has a table and chairs but they are primarily for staff. The Senior Advisory Committee will also ask City Council to contact the new Save-a-Lot and Family Dollar and request their consideration for benches as well.

### **MARKETING SENIOR SERVICES**

A discussion was held on how best to promote City Services. Ideas were as follows:

Building on the Chamber of Commerce Business Directory to include more info pertinent to seniors  
Making hard copies of the Business Directory available for seniors at the Chamber (Senior Pack)  
Making hard copies of the Business Directory available for GEMS clients when they register  
Directories should include info on the US Post Office located in the Beach Bazaar and places of worship

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next Senior Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Monday, April 19, 2010 at 8:30am at the Gulfport Senior Center.