MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COLLIER COUNTY SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 4, 2018
Naples, Florida

LET IT BE REMEMBERED that the Collier County Senior Advisory Board and Productivity Committee met on this date at 9:00 A.M. at 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Building F, 2nd Floor, County Manager Front Conference Room, Naples, Florida with the following Members Present:

Senior Advisory Committee
Present: Charles “Doug” Hartman
          Joel Kessler
          Thomas Lansen
          Larry Magel
          Litha Berger (arrived at 10:12)
Excused: Jacquelyn Pierce
          Victoria Tracy
Absent: Murray Hencel

Also Present: Geoff Willig – Operations Analyst County Manager’s Office
              Nick Casalanguida – Deputy Manager Collier County
Public Present: Anne Chernin – Director of Client Services at the Naples Senior Center
               Eileen Connolly-Keesler – President/CEO of the Community Foundation of Collier County
               Shelley Perry – Lasting Links Solutions

1. Call to Order
   Doug Hartman called the meeting to order at 9:07 A.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call – Committee Members
   4 members were in attendance for the Senior Advisory Committee, a quorum was not established. Litha Berger arrived at 10:12 resulting in a quorum.

4. Approval of Agenda
   An amended agenda was distributed to all present and approved once a quorum was achieved.

5. Public Comment
   Anne Chernin shared some information about the services that the Naples Senior Center provides. Among the programs that the Center provides is a one-stop-shop event each month for information, lunches every week, and case management services. These services are provided at no cost. They
provided emergency services due to the hurricane and added 70 new clients. They run groups for those that deal with dementia and those that care for dementia patients. While there is another senior center there is no distinguished boundary between the two. It depends on the user’s selection of which center to use and there are those that use both centers, and contact is through word of mouth, partner organizations, and 211 referrals. She suggested that more funding and the establishment of auxiliary sites would allow them to serve more people, and that the committee talk to Jackie Faffer who was instrumental in establishing the senior centers and Tom Felke from FGCU.

6. Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meeting
Once a quorum was achieved the minutes from the May 3, 2018, May 17, 2018 meetings and procedures were approved.

7. Staff Report

a. Nick Casalanguida – Deputy Manager
Nick joined the group to discuss the process of posting documents on the website and to clarify the County Manager’s office’s commitment to support the committee. He shared that Geoff Willig needs to review everything that is being posted on the website so that there is nothing posted that is objectional. The committee members agreed that if Geoff does find issue with any document that he should express concern to the member that provided the document and receive guidance from Nick if needed. Nick also commented that the County will need to limit modifications to the website so that the IT and Web divisions aren’t overwhelmed with administration of the County’s website. There was an expressed interest to include the next meeting time, and Nick suggested that the committee establish a consistent meeting date. It was decided later that the committee will meet the first Monday of the Month.

The chairman also expressed an interest to have a folder for Agenda’s and minutes, Reference Documents, and Correspondence documents. Nick was ok with this idea as long as it is possible with the website. He also expressed that Geoff’s time shouldn’t be consumed with the committee and his responsibilities for the County Manager’s office are his foremost responsibility. Nick suggested that they address the Board before the summer recess to inform them of the committee’s priorities. The committee shared that they are focused on such as Communication to the Community, supporting the Community Foundation Community assessment, and senior isolation. The chairman indicated that he would put together a form to be used for submissions to the website.

8. New Business
Eileen Connolly-Keesler provided an overview of the next steps being planned by the Community Foundation as a result of the Community Assessment. The Community Foundation is establishing working groups to look deeper into the categories that were identified by the community assessment. These groups will analyze each area and identify short-term and long-term actions that can address each area, and publish issue papers for each category. Joel Kessler asked how the Senior Advisory Committee can work with these groups so that there is not a duplication of efforts. The Senior Advisory Committee committed to providing a member to sit on these groups and represent the senior aspect.

The Committee members would support the following groups.
Tom Lansen – Health
Litha Berger – Housing
Joel Kessler – Recreation
Doug Hartman – Transportation/Safety
Jackie Pierce – Education/Social Services
Larry Magel – Economic

Geoff reminded the group that there is not an issue participating with these groups but reminded the members that if there are two or more members of the Committee only one individual should speak publicly.

11. Committee Discussion
The Committee discussed the Lee County Sustainability plan and felt that it was a valuable study to consider. Geoff shared that Collier County produces a report each year called the Annual Update and Inventory Report (AUIR). He would send the link to the Committee following the meeting.

The chairman indicated that he would like to have announcements at the end of each meeting of upcoming events.
- The evening of the meeting was an update by Collier Enterprises on Rural Land development at Cornerstone church at 7pm
- Thursday of that week the Sarasota Senior Committee was meeting at 3pm and invited any members that are interested or available to attend
- The EMS Council meets every 60 days the next meeting would be on June 15 at 9am
- CCRA will meet on June 15 at coconut point mall from 11am-1pm
- Shelley Perry informed the group that there would be a proclamation at the next BCC meeting recognizing Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Geoff shared a packet of information provided by the Bureau of Emergency Services of materials they hand out.

13. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 with nothing further to discuss.

14. Next Meeting
The next meeting of the Senior Advisory Committee will be on July 2, 2018 starting at 10:30.

Collier County Senior Advisory Committee

Charles Hartman - Chairman

The foregoing Minutes were approved by Committee Chair on July 2, 2018, “as submitted” [ ] or “as amended” [ ]