

**Orange County Commission on Aging**  
**Bi-Monthly Board Meeting – November 14, 2016**  
Pine Hills Community Center, 6408 Jennings Road, Orlando FL 32818 \* Noon to 1:30 pm

**Meeting Minutes**

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Vision	<b>Create Positive Aging!</b> An elder-friendly community that empowers older adults through choices that allow them to support and maintain their independence within their home community
Purpose	To identify the needs of the senior population and find ways to help by working collaboratively

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**Members Present**

Mr. Crockett Bohannon, Chair  
Ms. Sandria Foster  
Ms. Edith Gendron  
Dr. Carmel Munroe  
Mr. Lynn Nicholson

**Members Absent**

Mr. Corey Douglas  
Ms. Cathy Kerns  
Mr. Randy Hunt  
Mr. Gus Martinez  
Ms. Aquasia Johnson McDowell  
Mr. Lee Watson

**Others Present**

Ms. Sheila Belle, Pine Hills Seniors  
Ms. Sherry Paramore, Community Action Division  
Ms. Mimi Reggentin, Office on Aging  
Mr. Alex Shamraevsky, Community Action Division  
Ms. Ona Taylor, Pine Hills Seniors

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**Meeting Notes**

**Consent Agenda**

- No action was taken on the minutes since a quorum was not present.
- Ms. Gendron asked staff to contact Agenda Development about the possibility of taking “discussion item” minutes verses “action item” minutes.

### Welcome to the Pine Hills Community Center

- Mr. Shamraevsky introduced himself as the manager of the Pine Hills Community Center, which is one of seven community centers operated by the County's Community Action Division. Mr. Shamraevsky provided an overview of the Community Action Division and discussed the programs operating from the Pine Hills Community Center.
- Ms. Belle and Ms. Taylor provided an overview of the Pine Hills Seniors, a 501(c)3 organization that meets weekly at the Pine Hills Community Center. This organization began in 2007 with a goal to 'empower our seniors to live active, healthy lives and is managed by an active group of retirees. Ms. Belle overviewed the activities offered by the Pine Hills Seniors. She also discussed several needs in the community including a dedicated senior center for the Pine Hills community and improved transportation services for elders.

### Community Partnerships Committee Update

- Ms. Gendron provided an overview of the Community Partnerships Committee meeting of November 1<sup>st</sup>. The presentation on the Baker Act process and elders was canceled, which allowed the Committee to focus on identifying issues to discuss in 2017. Attendees also participated in a "go-around" to share new programs and activities.

### Senior Resource Alliance Update

- Mr. Hunt was not present, so no report was given.

### City of Orlando Mayor's Committee on Aging Update

- Mr. Nicholson stated the City of Orlando's Mayor Committee on Aging is in the process of determining their future vision and programming. During 2017, the Committee will be listening to presentations from different City divisions on such topics as housing and transportation. Mr. Nicholson commented that many other communities across the United States have excellent senior programs.

### Status Updates

- Ms. Reggentin provided a brief overview on the Commission on Aging programs including the LIFE Information for Elders seminars, the Fraud Prevention Resource Guide and the 50+ FYI Expo.

### Commission on Aging Structure, Programs and Meetings

- Mr. Bohannon provided a recap of the Board's concerns about the reduction in elder programming due to a reduction in staff. Mr. Bohannon stated he had shared the Board's concerns with County Administration. A contract position has been approved for six-months and staff is currently in the processes of advertising this position. Discussion ensued. It is anticipated the Elder Ambassador program will resume within two months of this contract position being filled.
- The Board discussed and commented on the Commission on Aging's responsibility to serve the needs of seniors. There was consensus that communication and involvement were important to the success of the Board's projects. Ms. Reggentin provided a reminder on Florida Sunshine Law.
- Mr. Bohannon expressed his concern that the Commission on Aging has not had a quorum for several meetings. Mr. Bohannon stated he would like to contact the MMRB liaison for the Commission on Aging and asked staff to request this contact information. Discussion ensued. The Board asked staff to contact Agenda Development about the possibility of

appointing alternates to the Board, allowing proxy votes or allowing Board members to conference into meetings.

- Mr. Bohannon discussed the meeting times and location for 2017. Discussion ensued. There was consensus to retain the bi-monthly meeting schedule, but to change the time to a morning meeting and the location to the Pine Hills Community Center. The possibility of periodically rotating meetings to other locations was left open for future discussion.
- The Board discussed the agenda for the January 2017 meeting. Items added to the January agenda include selection of a vice-chair as well as review of the Commission on Aging's goals and activities for the coming year.
- Discussion ensued about the need to advocate on behalf of elders. The Board commented that advocating for programs for well elders was needed, in addition to advocating for programs directed to elders requiring supportive services. There was consensus that Board members should be involved in the projects of the Commission on Aging and in helping the community meet the needs of local elders. Staff provided an overview of comprehensive network of Orange County services and programming that range from public health, safety and welfare. Staff explained that it is important to understand the demands placed on local governments as well as roles of local, state and federal governments when planning the projects and activities of the Commission on Aging.

#### New Business

- There was no new business.

#### Public Input

- There was no public input.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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