

TOWN OF DAVIE
OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR & TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: ROBERT C. MIDDAUGH, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

DATE: NOVEMBER 11, 1999

RE: SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

At the last Council meeting, a citizen suggested that the Town Council give consideration to creation of a Senior Advisory Board. The suggestion was offered as a way to provide for greater participation and involvement of our senior community within the Town's government.

As the Council considers this particular topic, some attention should be focused on the possible range of activities or duties which might be assigned to any senior advisory board created by the Town. Senior interest will not only span all of the Town's different services that are offered, but will also encompass a variety of activities which are beyond the immediate purview or jurisdiction of the Town of Davie. In addition to our typical public safety or recreation Town concerns, seniors may have a very significant level of interest in other issues such as transportation or medical matters.

Depending upon the range or scope of activity, staff assistance for any board created by the Town Council may be a little tricky. If the scope of any senior advisory committee is very broad we may find that the staff assistance is less technical or expert in nature and more of a coordinator type position to provide necessary help for the board.

One option which the Town Council might wish to consider while discussing the senior advisory board, is an organization which is already in existence in Broward County. TRIAD is a countywide organization which is a partnership with the Sheriffs Office, Chiefs of Police and AARP representing seniors. While TRIAD is countywide, in individual communities, the TRIAD's activities are played out through SALT Council, which are Seniors and Law Enforcement Together.

The principal focus of the TRIAD and Salt Council's is law enforcement matters. While this is a principal focus of the established organization, the Council may wish to explore an alternative for a Senior Advisory Board expanding upon the activities of the TRIAD/SALT Council to encompass other areas of senior interest while making use of an existing organization and support base. I have attached a copy of a SALT brochure for Council information.

The creation of a Senior Advisory Board can be a very important vehicle for involving seniors more closely within our government and also then providing services desired and valuable to seniors within our community.

Staff and I will provide whatever assistance is necessary to help this board succeed if so directed by the members of Council.

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Attachment: SALT Brochure