

OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT ADVOCATE
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

K #: 10-016 Don Slesnick

Date Opened: January 26, 2010

Date Closed: March 12, 2010

Name of investigator: Arthur D. Skinner
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Allegation:

This matter was predicated upon the receipt of information from Mr. George Volsky, that the Mayor of Coral Gables Don Slesnick, violated the City Charter section 23.3.2, prohibiting the use of the city e-mail and internet resources for personal use. Mr. Volsky alleged that Mayor Slesnick used his official position to get business for his real estate agent wife in return for recommending "business opportunities" for a client of a local consultant Hampton Booker. In return for this "favor" Mr. Booker recommended Mrs. Slesnick's real services to Mr. Booker's daughter who was returning back to Coral Gables.

Investigation:

On February 26, 2010, Mayor Don Slesnick was interviewed by telephone. Mayor Slesnick gave the following information: Mayor Slesnick never recommended anything for Mr. Booker's client "Costa Oil". Mayor Slesnick contacted the City Manager who in turn had the purchasing department contact the vendor or his representative and advise them on the proper procedure for doing business with the City of Coral Gables.

Mayor Slesnick stated that Hampton Booker's daughter never used his wife's real estate services.

CONCLUSION:

The dates of the E-mails submitted by Mr. Volsky are all in June of 2006 and are not with the statutory time limits of the County's Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance.