



Wauwatosa, WI

Senior Commission

Meeting Minutes

7725 W. North Avenue
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Monday, March 17, 2025

4:00 PM

Wauwatosa Health Department

Conference Room and Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89993052063>,

Meeting ID: 899 9305 2063

Hybrid meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 by Kathy Causier.

ROLL CALL

Non-voting Members Present:

Laura Laurishke, Police Department

Kosta Zervas, Wauwatosa Recreation Center

Excused:

Carmen Pangilinan, Public Health Strategist

Guests:

Bob Heller, Hart Park Square

Veraunica Ruffin, Eras Senior Network

This was approved.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Kathy Causier
SECONDER:	Dain Maddox
Present 7	Commissioner, Chair Kathy Causier Commissioner Dain Maddox Commissioner Patricia Bruce Commissioner Kristen Hecht Commissioner Julia Murphy Commissioner Michael Savic Ex-Officio - Alderperson David Lewis
Excused 4	Commissioner Dianne Dagelen Commissioner Michael Meier Commissioner Elise Riepenhoff Commissioner Jeanne Sidner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting minutes of February 17, 2024 were approved.

This was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Patricia Bruce

SECONDER: Kristen Hecht

1. Action Item: Senior Commission Funding Discussion [25-0397](#)

2. Project Lifesaver - Laura Laurishke [25-0405](#)

Laura Laurishke will provide a full financial request at the June meeting.

3. Other proposals from the Commission [25-0406](#)

Aging Advocacy Day - \$1,000 sponsorship contribution voted 2/17/2024.

Resource Communication - Kristen Hecht, Dain Maddox, Kosta Zervas, Laura Laurishke will present options and associated costs in June.

Lockbox - follow up needed with Fire Department for program.

4. Update from Eras Senior Network - Veraunica Ruffin - Program Director from Eras Senior Network [25-0409](#)

Update for Wauwatosa residents served in FY 2023-2024 at 170, inclusive of yard assistance, medical appointment rides, home chores and friendly phone calls. Hosting volunteer fair on April 14th in the Firefly Room at the Wauwatosa Public Library.

WAUWATOSA HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Senior Center/Senior Club [25-0400](#)

Kosta Zervas reported that the return to the Hart Park Senior Center has been successful. City staff is continuing to address post-construction punch-list. Currently, 580 paid memberships. Trending positive toward 770 membership goal. "Try It" week is April 7-11 for non-members. Congregate dining has returned with 18 daily diners and growing.

2. Police Department [25-0399](#)

Laura Laurishke reported that PD has recently experienced some administrative transitions. Captain Luke Vetter will be the new administrator over the Community Support Division.

3. Health Department and Age-Friendly Tosa [25-0401](#)

Kristen Hecht reported continued growth with older adult technology programming and the addition of another tech support day at the Hart Park Senior Center. Also encouraged members to participate In WAAN Aging Advocacy Day on May 13, 2025. Interested commissioners were asked to communicate with her to coordinate carpooling and registration guidance.

4. Joint Housing Coalition [25-0402](#)

Dain Maddox provided history of the Joint Housing Coalition for benefit of guests. He provided an update and encouraged others to attend the program with the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council at 6:15 pm on Thursday, March 20, 2025 in the Firefly Room of the Wauwatosa Public Library.

5. Common Council [25-0403](#)

Ald. D. Lewis had no updates. He did clarify that carryover funding did not have to be spent immediately, but rather within FY 2024-2025.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, April 21, 2025 at 4:00 PM.