



Wauwatosa, WI

Senior Commission

Meeting Minutes

7725 W. North Avenue
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Monday, June 16, 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 4:00 pm by Kathy Causier.

ROLL CALL

Non-voting members Present:

Carmen Pangilinan, Public Health Strategist

Kristen Hecht, Public Health Specialist

Excused:

Kosta Zervas, Wauwatosa Recreation Department

Guests:

Bob Heller

Veraunica Ruffin, Eras Senior Network

Present 6 Commissioner, Chair Kathy Causier
Commissioner Dain Maddox
Commissioner Patricia Bruce
Commissioner Dianne Dagelen
Commissioner Michael Meier
Commissioner Jeanne Sidner

Excused 2 Commissioner Elise Riepenhoff
Ex-Officio - Alderperson David Lewis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

This was approved.

1. Approval of May 19, 2025 Minutes [25-0976](#)
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Dain Maddox
SECONDER: Patricia Bruce

NEW BUSINESS

1. Action: Funding proposals [25-0982](#)

The Senior Commission has \$11,000 to spend by the end of 2025. Kristen Hecht shared a proposal to produce 3000 older adult resource guides for \$5000. Guides will be shared with homebound residents

through the home delivered meal program, and will be distributed in other locations such as the Library and the Senior Centers. The Health Department will work in collaboration with the City's Communications staff to produce the guide. All members of the Commission are encouraged to share ideas with Kristen sooner rather than later. Dain made a motion to approve no more than \$5000 to print as many as possible. Mike Meier seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Carmen shared a proposal from the Wauwatosa Age-Friendly Steering Committee to help with funding for several initiatives including: Wauwatosa Housing Week puzzle event and missing middle housing walking tour activities, cooking classes for older adults, a resource fair and a social connection summit. Kristen made a motion to approve no more than \$3000 for all of the Age-Friendly proposals. Pat Bruce seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Veraunica Ruffin of Eras Senior Network brought forward a funding proposal that included: \$1500 per computer for six staff members who need upgrades; \$31,000 for staff time at 20 hours per week to focus on volunteer recruitment; and \$1200 for staff time, printing and promotional items for a volunteer recruitment fair for Wauwatosa. Discussion included a desire to fund initiatives that are guaranteed to serve the needs of Wauwatosa residents, as well as an effort to provide balance with the approximately \$25,000 in Community Development Block Grants that Eras receives yearly. Pat proposed a motion to fund \$1500 to produce a volunteer recruitment fair and to produce Wauwatosa specific materials to be used at that fair and other local events. Dain seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The balance of the funds will be held until later in the year in order to have flexibility if other opportunities arise.

2. Discussion: Yard Waste Collection Program - Proposed Changes [25-0983](#)

The group reviewed the slides from a May Community Affairs meeting in which different options for yard waste collection were discussed. The consensus of the group is to keep the same months for pick up of waste, but reduce the frequency during those months. Kathy to draft letter of recommendation to Dave Simpson at the Department of Public Works.

3. Advocacy Updates and Opportunities [25-0984](#)

We will carry this over to the next meeting, due to lack of time.

REPORTS

1. Senior Center/Senior Club [25-0985](#)

Kosta was unavailable for the meeting, but provided a written report:

Memberships as of this morning were at 663 members. The new summer class session begins on July 7th, registration for that starts next week June 23rd. Brass Band Concert/Picnic is scheduled for Tuesday, July 1st. The Brewers game outing is scheduled for Thursday, August 28th. Lunch is at -McGinns prior to the ball game.

Handicap accessible spots update -Kathy and Kosta met with Dave Simpson- will monitor the use of the spaces right now to see how well they are utilized.

2. Police Department [25-0991](#)

No report.

3. Health Department and Age-Friendly Tosa [25-0988](#)

The Health Department has served over 1000 appointments between Tech Time and Senior Planet.

4. Joint Housing Coalition [25-0992](#)

Housing week coming up in October. Staff still looking at Zoning change proposals that came in through the Comp plan. CDA has adopted a policy with developers to incentivize development of affordable

housing. The money that has been appropriated for affordable housing in the housing fund is being covered by developers who are not building affordable housing.

5. Common Council

[25-0989](#)

No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No meeting in August.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:29 pm.

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