



# Wauwatosa, WI

## Senior Commission

### Meeting Minutes

7725 W. North Avenue  
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

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Monday, February 17, 2025

4:00 PM

Wauwatosa Health Department  
Conference Room and Zoom:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89993052063>,  
Meeting ID: 899 9305 2063

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#### Regular meeting

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Dain Maddox.

#### ROLL CALL

Non-voting members in attendance: Carmen Pangilinan, Public Health Specialist and Kosta Zervas, Wauwatosa Recreation Department

Excused: Laura Laurishke, Police Department

**Present 9**      Commissioner Dain Maddox  
                         Commissioner Patricia Bruce  
                         Commissioner Dianne Dagelen  
                         Commissioner Kristen Hecht  
                         Commissioner Michael Meier  
                         Commissioner Julia Murphy  
                         Commissioner Elise Riepenhoff  
                         Commissioner Michael Savic  
                         Ex-Officio - Alderperson David Lewis

**Excused 2**      Commissioner, Chair Kathy Causier  
                         Commissioner Jeanne Sidner

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

This was approved.

1. Approval of December 16, 2024 Minutes [25-0195](#)

**RESULT:**      APPROVED  
**MOVER:**      Elise Riepenhoff  
**SECONDER:**    Patricia Bruce

1. Senior Commission Funding Update - Carmen Pangilinan [25-0199](#)

*Aging Advocacy Day 2025 - taking place May 13, 2025 in Madison. All are encouraged to attend. Opportunity to meet with your state representatives and share the needs of older adults. The Commission has sponsored the event for the past two years. Kristen Hecht made a motion to sponsor at the \$1000 level, Patricia Bruce seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.*

*Carmen to handle the sponsorship form and payment on behalf of the group.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

2. Action Item: Senior Commission Funding Discussion [25-0200](#)
  - A) Aging Advocacy Day 2025
  - B) Other proposals from the Commission

*Other proposals from the Commission: Dain encouraged members to think about and put together proposals for how to best support the older adults of Wauwatosa so that the Commission may vote on them in the future. Some ideas mentioned were support for Eras Senior Network, Project Lifesaver, Lock Boxes, and printed resources.*

3. Lock Box Discussion - Dain Maddox [25-0205](#)

*Dain reached out to Cody at the Fire Department for details about the program .*

- *10 lock boxes were sold last year at \$50 per item*
- *They have to be purchased through WFD, not on their own, to ensure WFD can access them*
- *When people pay for the lock box those funds go back into the WFD to continue to support the program*
- *To request one, go to WFD webpage and look for community outreach request; Cody will help out if people cannot use online request as it can be difficult to find online*
- *Carmen and Kristen to follow up with Cody with follow up questions*

## **WAUWATOSA HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

1. Senior Center/Senior Club [25-0206](#)

*They are back at Hart Park Senior Center as of Jan 25. Open House is this Wednesday 2/19 from 10-noon. Dining program back up and running on 2/24. Update on the Senior Club site at City Hall - there are people who find that space convenient and prefer to come there. Kosta and Mathew Vanderkamp met with DPW staff to discuss the future use of this space. There was no alternate plan for the space, so it remains available for the Senior Club. Will bring some things to HPSC such as Bingo, and they will no longer host lunches at the City Hall site since it is available at HPSC. Kosta shared there is a need for more disabled parking spots at HPSC - the current spots are still far away. Dain will follow up with Kosta to try look further into this. Kosta has even considered valet service. Health and Wellness Fair collaborative event with the Health Department may resume next year. Third party taking over event planning so need to look more into it. 514 current members.*

2. Police Department [25-0207](#)

*No report.*

3. Health Department and Age-Friendly Tosa [25-0208](#)

*Senior Planet courses planned out through the end of March, in the Firefly Room, 10:30-noon; Tech Time on Fridays 10-1 (Library) and new this year, on Wednesdays 10- noon and 2-3:30pm at Hart Park Senior Center; Refurbished laptop project starting up in April using grant funds. Narcan Training will be held on 3/25 from 6-7pm in the Firefly Room. Kristen organized a Period Pantry drive to collect menstrual products for individuals in need. 30 volunteers came to help pack 750 kits, the community was very generous in donating products and their time. Packs will be shared with local organizations such as Tosa*

*Cares, the Library and schools. Housing Awareness Campaign being finalized, will kick off formally in May; Community Conversations completed and a report has been received with suggestions for future initiatives. We partnered with AARP WI to share valentines with Luther Manor residents. 200 cookies with home made Valentines were delivered to them.*

**4. Joint Housing Coalition [25-0209](#)**

*The City's Comprehensive Plan is done and will be approved soon.*

**5. Common Council [25-0210](#)**

*Ald. Lewis shared that two tennis courts will be converted to six pickle ball courts this spring at Hart Park. St. Bernard's is coming down to make way for new apartments.*

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, March 17, 2025 at 4:00 PM.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm.*