



# Wauwatosa, WI

## Senior Commission

### Meeting Minutes

7725 W. North Avenue  
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

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Monday, October 20, 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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Hybrid meeting

#### CALL TO ORDER

*The meeting was called to order at 3:59 pm by Kathy Causier.*

#### ROLL CALL

*Non-voting Members Present:*

*Laura Laurishke, Police Admin Support Specialist*

*Carmen Pangilinan, Public Health Specialist*

*Kosta Zervas, Wauwatosa Recreation Department*

*Kristen Hecht, Public Health Specialist*

*Guests:*

*Bob Heller, Hart Park Square*

*Tricia Salentine, resident*

**Present 5**

Commissioner, Chair Kathy Causier

Commissioner Dain Maddox

Commissioner Patricia Bruce

Commissioner Dianne Dagelen

Commissioner Carol O'Brien

**Excused 4**

Commissioner Michael Meier

Commissioner Elise Riepenhoff

Commissioner Jeanne Sidner

Ex-Officio - Alderperson David Lewis

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of September 15, 2025 Minutes

[25-1888](#)

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Patricia Bruce

**SECONDER:** Dianne Dagelen

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Healthy Aging Grants: Update

[25-1889](#)

*The letter from the Commission was sent to the Wauwatosa State Delegation. We heard back from Rep. Vining, Sen. Drake, and Sen. Hutton, all of who are in support of the legislation.*

*On Wed., Oct 22, the Senate Committee on Health is holding a Public Hearing beginning at 10 am. On the agenda is Senate Bill 410 - Grants for Falls Prevention Awareness and Initiatives (Health Aging Grants)*

2. Discussion and Action Item: Reframing Aging - Potential Name Change [25-1890](#)

*Carmen shared that the City Attorney was consulted about the process of making a name change. She shared we would need to make a resolution to the council since the name is used in municipal code several times. The Commission will have more of a discussion about this at the next meeting.*

3. Discussion and Action Item: Review of Senior Commission Funding [25-1891](#)

*Carmen shared that she reached out several times to Eras Senior Network to get an update on the progress of the volunteer fair they requested funding for, and to remind them that an invoice must be sent by the end of the year. Veraunica Ruffin sent an update from their volunteer department that stated "We are connecting with local coffee shops to do info sessions at their sites along with purchasing coffee sleeves with How To Volunteer information. Right now, we are reaching out to Colectivo and may reach out to Leff's or another restaurant to host the info sites." Carmen shared this update with the group and discussion ensued. Dain made a motion to reject this proposal and use the funds in another way due to the fact that it is not what was agreed upon at the June 16, 2025 meeting. Discussion ensued. Dianne suggested an amendment to the motion to allow for two days for Pat to reach out to Eras to resolve the issue and go forward with the previous agreement, and if not done within 48 hours we move forward with an alternate plan. Kristen made an amendment further clarifying the language to say we will allow 48 hours for Pat to reach Eras and for Eras to give a detailed plan for the volunteer recruitment fair as previously agreed upon at the June 16, 2025 Commission meeting. Dianne stated she was in favor of Kristen's amendment. The vote on the amended motion passed 5-1. Dain Maddox, Carol O'Brien, Dianne Dagen, Kristen Hecht, and Kathy Causier voted in favor. Pat Bruce voted against the motion.*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Advocacy Updates and Opportunities: Public Hearing on the proposed 2026 County budget on October 27 at 6:00 at the Mitchell Park Domes. [25-1892](#)

*Advocating for Caregivers and Individual Living with Dementia, Thursday, November 11, Noon - 1:00 pm. Online webinar*

*Public Hearing on the proposed 2026 County budget on October 27 at 6:00 at the Mitchell Park Domes. Advocating for Caregivers and Individual Living with Dementia, Thursday, November 11, Noon -1:00 pm. Online Webinar.*

### **WAUWATOSA HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

1. Senior Center/Senior Club [25-1893](#)

*They are back at Hart Park Senior Center since closure due to the flood two months ago. Good first week. STEP program launched last month. As of this morning 24 applicants. Taking applications through Nov. 25. Hope to start the program late January or early February. Working with Historical Society to show an exhibit from Hawk's Nursery. Planning holiday activities including a Giving Tree initiative with Jefferson Elementary.*

2. Police Department [25-1894](#)  
*No updates.*
3. Health Department and Age-Friendly Tosa [25-1895](#)  
*Cooking class still has openings for 11/5 (Healthy Cooking on a Budget), Annual Report to Community Affairs on 11/11, Flu Clinic 11/6 (only one this year).*
4. Joint Housing Coalition [25-1896](#)  
*The group has been working with Planning on the Comp plan. Zoning changes are being suggested to help implement things that are laid out in the comp plan. There will be some public meetings coming up. Sign up for City meeting notifications to learn more - Plan Commission is where these discussions start. Budget vote coming up - talk to your alders. Yard waste update. Article in the JS - Financial Affairs reviewing some of the options at meeting tomorrow. Can find all the recommendations on the Financial Affairs Committee agenda.*
5. Common Council [25-1897](#)  
*No report.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*None.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm.*

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, November 17, 2025 at 4:00 pm.**