



Wauwatosa, WI

Senior Commission

Meeting Minutes

7725 W. North Avenue
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Monday, December 15, 2025

4:00 PM

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

Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm by Kathy Causier; Kathy announced that Jeanne Sidner has resigned from the Commission effective today due to her taking a job with hours that do not allow for her attendance.

ROLL CALL

Non-voting Members:

Laura Laurishke, Police Admin Support Specialist
Carmen Pangilinan, Public Health Strategist

Non-voting Members Excused:

Kosta Zervas, Wauwatosa Recreation Department

Guests:

Tricia Salentine, Resident

Present 6	Commissioner, Chair Kathy Causier Commissioner Patricia Bruce Commissioner Dianne Dagelen Commissioner Dain Maddox Commissioner Carol O'Brien Commissioner Elise Riepenhoff
Excused 4	Commissioner Robert Heller Commissioner Michael Meier Commissioner Jeanne Sidner Ex-Officio - Alderperson David Lewis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of November 17, 2025 Minutes

[25-2295](#)

RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Dain Maddox
SECONDER: Patricia Bruce

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Action Item: Review of Senior Commission Funding [25-2296](#)

Carmen shared that the \$1500 in gift cards from Metro Market were purchased and shared with Kosta to be shared with members of the senior dining program. Carmen also shared that she is in the process of purchasing the gift cards for health and wellness event which will be held in September 2026. There will still be a few more to purchase before the end of the year. The group had questions about how the budget will be handled in 2026. Carmen will email John Ruggini and find out the details of 2026 funding and recap for him what we did in 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Action: Advocacy Updates and Opportunities: SB 375 - Dianne Dagenen [25-2297](#)

Dianne provided an overview of the bill, which only applies to first class cities, which is City of Milwaukee only. The bill calls for the use of existing cameras in the City of Milwaukee to identify drivers speeding 15+ miles per hour or more and the ability to send a ticket to the person registered to the license plate. Dain opposed taking any action right now and suggested the group needs more information. There are some privacy concerns. Pat Bruce shared that she thinks we should do something because safety is an identified need in the community, but also would like more information; Carmen suggested inviting Sen. Drake to discuss the bill further as she is a co-sponsor of the bill. Dain suggested working collaboratively with the Bike Ped Committee on this as well. The group decided it was necessary to get input from our police department as well - Laura Laurishke to talk to the Chief and get some data about accidents. Carmen shared there is a Vision Zero Action Team working collaboratively to reduce deadly and serious injury crashes. There is data available about Wauwatosa from Mike May in Engineering. The group decided to look at this issue more in depth in January.

2. Discussion: Library of Things Update - Kathy Causier [25-2298](#)

The Library of Things is up and running. There is a catalog of all the items have in the library of things is available when you walk in the library to the left. There is a huge variety of items from tools, to craft items. Available on a first come first served basis.

WAUWATOSA HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Senior Center/Senior Club [25-2299](#)

No report.

2. Police Department [25-2301](#)

Police is still very short staffed and they are trying to fill positions. The Police Department is working on a research project with Northeastern University. They are sending out surveys to some homes. Please fill out the survey if you receive one.

3. Health Department and Age-Friendly Tosa [25-2302](#)

Men's Shed kickoff event is January 21. This is an opportunity for men to share their ideas about what they want to program to look like. Please spread the word. Tosa Tech Time on hiatus while students are on winter break until Jan 21/23, Senior Planet 2026 courses are open for registration in the first quarter, 2nd cooking class will take place

on 2/12 at West High School, Planning for Health and Wellness Fair in progress. Event will take place on 9/16/26 at Hart Park Senior Center. Milwaukee County Dementia Specialist is booked to do memory screenings.

4. Joint Housing Coalition [25-2303](#)

Dain shared that the group is creating talking points and a one-pager about housing to share with alder candidates and new alders, looking at legislation that affects housing and advocating for those that increase funds for first time homebuyer assistance programs. Dain suggested the Senior Commission may want to look at some things we want to share with the new alders in 2026 to inform them of priorities for our group. The election brings an informational opportunity for the Commission.

5. Common Council [25-2304](#)

No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathy reminded the group that the January meeting is on January 26 due to the 19th being the MLK holiday.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:16 pm.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, January 26, 2026, 4:00 PM.