



# Wauwatosa, WI

## Senior Commission

### Meeting Minutes

7725 W. North Avenue  
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

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Monday, January 26, 2026

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

#### HYBRID MEETING

#### CALL TO ORDER

*The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Kathy Causier.*

#### ROLL CALL

##### Non-voting Members:

Laura Laurishke, Police Admin Support Specialist  
Carmen Pangilinan, Public Health Strategist  
Kosta Zervas, Wauwatosa Recreation Department

##### Guests:

Ted Martin, Wauwatosa Recreation Department Director  
Veraunica Ruffin, Eras Senior Network  
Tricia Salentine, Resident  
Ryan Wallace, Wauwatosa Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

<b>Present 8</b>	Commissioner, Chair Kathy Causier
	Commissioner Patricia Bruce
	Commissioner Dianne Dagelen
	Commissioner Robert Heller
	Commissioner Dain Maddox
	Commissioner Michael Meier
	Commissioner Carol O'Brien
	Commissioner Elise Riepenhoff
<b>Excused 1</b>	Ex-Officio - Alderperson David Lewis

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of December 15, 2025 Minutes

[26-0208](#)

*Dianne Dagelen requested an amendment to the minutes to add the fact that SB 375 includes ticketing people for going through red lights. Pat Bruce made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Dain Maddox seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

**RESULT:** APPROVED AS AMENDED

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion Item: Ted Martin, Wauwatosa Recreation Director, update on STEP program [26-0209](#)

*Ted shared a presentation with the group about the status of the STEP program. As of now, there are 54 individuals participating in the program. All 54 have placements at elementary school libraries and signs of success are already evident. Planning for next year has already begun. The goal is to reach 100 participants. Please see presentation for more details.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion and Action Item: ADA transition plan resolution [26-0210](#)

*Kathy introduced Ryan Wallace from the Bicycle and Pedestrian committee. Ryan shared that the City needs and updated ADA transition plan as required by law. He met with members of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities because they had this on the agenda and wanted to move this forward. They decided for a collective ask from other commissions, including the Senior Commission. Ryan shared that he drafted a resolution and shared it with the following groups: Senior Commission, Commission for Persons with Disabilities, Equity and Inclusion Commission. He is asking groups to review, discuss, and collect revisions and once we collectively come to an agreed upon document then can present it to Council. Ryan to work with city staff once language is decided upon. The group received the resolution in the agenda packet and had reviewed its contents before the meeting and again in the meeting. Dain Maddox made a motion to accept the resolution as written. Pat Bruce seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

2. Discussion: Educational event with Wauwatosa Police Department [26-0211](#)

*Kathy attended a meeting with Chief MacGillis where he outlined how Wauwatosa Police would interface with ICE should a larger presence arrive. She found it to be helpful and informative. It was not a political discussion, rather informational and educational. Kathy asked the group if there was a desire to organize an opportunity for this information to be shared more broadly. Consensus is to open discussion up to larger community. Kathy and Carmen to reach out to the Chief to determine availability. Location will be identified once dates are determined.*

## **WAUWATOSA HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

1. Senior Center/Senior Club [26-0212](#)

*Neil Diamond impersonator, Eric Diamond, will perform at Hart Park Senior Center on 2/11 at 1pm. 80 people registered. Dining site is growing. Things going well at both locations. Elevator still needs to be fixed at Senior Center. Hopefully starting work in February. Free sauna day for older adults on 2/18. Kosta can register people for the 2/18 sauna experience. Heat Haven is the sauna company should people want to sign up for any other day.*

2. Police Department [26-0213](#)

*Police Department staff are adjusting to their new organizational structure.*

3. Health Department and Age-Friendly Tosa [26-0214](#)

*Cooking class on 2/12 is full, Men's Shed Kicked off - next meeting 2/18 in Health Department Conference Room. New members welcome and encouraged. Thanks to Carol for representing the Commission on the Department's Community Health Assessment (CHA) advisory committee. New program being offered through Milwaukee County called Growing Connections. See flyer for details.*

4. Joint Housing Coalition [26-0215](#)

*Dain shared the group is still working on advocacy opportunities. Carmen will meet with the group on 2/10 to discuss tweaks the Communications campaign. The group is preparing for the new Council in April, they plan to educate and discuss housing with the new and existing Alders - will be sharing the Senior Commission Annual Report.*

5. Common Council [26-0216](#)

*No report.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Sen. Drake's office did not respond to our request to attend the January meeting to discuss SB 375. We will extend another invitation. Veraunica Ruffin shared that she has taken a new position within Eras Senior Network. She is now the Volunteer Director. She will continue to attend Senior Commission meetings. The group discussed looking to see if other groups are hosting Alder candidate forums and to submit questions related to concerns of the Commission should there be an opportunity to do so.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 pm.*

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, February 16, 2026 at 4:00 PM.**