



Wauwatosa, WI

Senior Commission

Meeting Minutes

7725 W. North Avenue
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Monday, November 18, 2024

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 4:00 pm by Kathy Causier

ROLL CALL

Non-voting members also present:

Carmen Pangilinan, Public Health Strategist

Kosta Zervas - Wauwatosa Recreation Department

Laura Laurishke - Administrative Assistant Police Department

Guests:

Karl Schreiber, Housing and CDBG Manager

Present 8 Commissioner, Chair Kathy Causier
Commissioner Dain Maddox
Commissioner Patricia Bruce
Commissioner Dianne Dagelen
Commissioner Kristen Hecht
Commissioner Elise Riepenhoff
Commissioner Jeanne Sidner
Commissioner Michael Savic

Excused 1 Commissioner Michael Meier

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of October 21, 2024 Minutes [24-1592](#)
RESULT: APPROVED
MOVER: Kathy Causier
SECONDER: Dain Maddox

NEW BUSINESS

1. Karl Schreiber, Housing and CDBG Manager, City of Wauwatosa - [24-1593](#)
update on Wauwatosa Home Loan Repair Program

Karl shared some background of the program and the ARPA funding that was used to start the program . ARPA funds will be used through 2026, but will start using a hybrid of ARPA and CDBG funds starting in 2025. Funds will return back to the program as loans are repaid as well. The loans are zero percent and do not have to be paid back until the home is sold. There have been 80 inquiries into the program, and so

far they have issued 23 loans with 10 more applications in process right now.

2. Carmen Pangilinan - update regarding lead service lines [24-1595](#)

Carmen shared that there have been a lot of inquiries about the water test kits that the Health Department supplies. The Health Department had a grant to cover the lab fees for 415 kits, but those have now all been given out. Future test kits that are distributed will require the resident to pay the \$34 lab fee, as well as the shipping fee. They run out quickly, so it's good to call before coming over to get one. None of the kits the Health Department has given out in the past have come back with elevated lead levels. The primary source of lead exposure in Wauwatosa is paint. Carmen reminded the group that regardless of the results of the water test kit, the laterals must be replaced per the EPA. The City will look for funding to help support the work. Carmen and Kathy did some research to follow up on Dianne's October update about MCW doing a study about the effects of lead on older people and a possible link to dementia. Neither Carmen or Kathy were able to find this information, so Dianne was asked to do some follow up to find the information and suggest a possible future speaker to share more details.

WAUWATOSA HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Eras Neighborhood Outreach [24-1596](#)

No report.

2. Senior Center/Senior Club [24-1597](#)

Classes are winding down for the year during the week of Dec. 16/ There are two holiday parties planned, Alioto's on December 6 from 11am-3pm and the December 18 Bach chamber choir and lunch from Maggiano's. The Senior Center is hosting a Giving Tree for Jefferson Elementary and Eisenhower Elementary. They are collecting \$ for gift cards or gift cards themselves for families in need. Deadline to donate is December 19. HPSC update - hope to be in the new building after the new year. County wants to get lunch going again in January - after MLK day. Things are not totally firm with the dates.

3. Police Department [24-1601](#)

No update.

4. Health Department and Age-Friendly Tosa [24-1602](#)

Last week was Social Connection Week. Kristen and Tech Time participant presented at a webinar about technology as a means for social connection, The Department hosted a film screening on November 12 with a follow up community conversation. Additional community conversations being held to discuss opportunities for social connection. The new Harm Reduction Vending Machine is up and running - code is 1234 to receive items for free. Narcan trainings will continue to be every other month in 2025. Housing communications campaign is moving forward.

5. Joint Housing Coalition [24-1604](#)

Draft comprehensive plan is out for viewing, there was an open house and the city is still receiving comments. JHC sent a letter of recommendations - much of it was incorporated into the plan, but the coalition feels it still could use some strengthening and clarity, and be more direct in commitment to create affordable housing and what affordable housing is. Will send another letter reinforcing points. Next steps-public hearing on the draft plan, goes to plan commission, then goes to council and then adopted.

6. Common Council [24-1603](#)

Ald. Lewis shared that there is funding in the budget to convert tennis courts to pickleball courts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Commission's presentation of the Annual Report to Community Affairs is on December 3. There are funds that remain in the Senior Commission's budget. Start to think about how we may spend some of this money and bring ideas to the December meeting.

City Attorney, Alan Kesner, doing open record training tomorrow night. Available in person and on Zoom.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, December 16, 2024, 4:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 pm.