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**City of Menasha  
Committee on Aging Meeting  
AGENDA**

Date: October 8, 2021

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: City Hall Room 132

A. CALL TO ORDER
B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES
C. MINUTES TO APPROVE 1. September 10, 2021
D. CORRESPONDENCE 1. Letter to 140 Main regarding location of Farmer's Market 2. Email response from Mayor Merkes regarding location of Farmer's Market
E. REPORT OF DEPT HEADS/STAFF/CONSULTANTS 1. Public Health a. COVID-19 Update b. Sixty Plus Grant – Programs Update  2. Senior Center a. Senior Center Operations/Programming Update b. 2022 Budget Update  3. Announcements
F. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES
G. NEW BUSINESS
H. HELD OVER BUSINESS 1. COA Vacancies (3)
I. ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF MENASHA  
COMMITTEE ON AGING  
MINUTES  
September 10, 2021

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Pat Irwin at 1:04 PM

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

Present: Pat Irwin, Bea Kohanski, Tom Stoffel, Kristine Hutter

Staff Present: Chloe Hansen-Dunn, Leah McCormick, Larissa Keller

C. MINUTES TO APPROVE

1. Committee on Aging Meeting Minutes August 13, 2021

Pat Irwin motioned to approve the August 13, 2021 minutes with the following changes:

- Section F. Committee Member Updates: a word was omitted from the first sentence.

The motion was seconded by Kristine Hutter. The motion passed.

D. CORRESPONDENCE

Pat Irwin sent an email to Kim Nassey of 140 Main re: location of Farmer's Market. No response was received. Further action was discussed. Pat will send a letter to Kim Nassey and copy the letter to Mayor Merkes and Beth Roberts, current director of Aging & Disability Resource Center of Winnebago County.

E. REPORT OF DEPT HEADS/STAFF/CONSULTANTS

1. Public Health

**a.** COVID-19 Update: Kristine Hutter detailed the most current reports out on the Menasha Health Department website. Menasha is currently in the very high burden category per the WI Department of Health Services metrics. The state of Wisconsin is also in the very high burden class. The state extended the deadline for the \$100 vaccine reward program from September 6<sup>th</sup> to September 19<sup>th</sup>. Currently 53.3% of City residents have received at least one dose of vaccine and 50% of City residents are fully vaccinated. The vaccination rate for City residents in the 65+ age group is about 90%. The health department is continuing to offer weekly vaccine clinics to the public.

**b.** Sixty Plus Grant – Programs Update: Kristine Hutter reported the August 2021 participation numbers for the 60+ programs. Meghan Pauly provided 55 services to 19 people. Service offerings included wellness room visits, walking club, and Tai Chi.

2. Senior Center

**a.** Senior Center Operations/Programming Update: Chloe Hansen-Dunn reported that the Senior Center has maintained a steady level of visitation throughout the month of August, and has seen some new people coming for programming. Current operating hours are Monday through Friday from 8am to 1pm. Members inquired about fundraising efforts. Chloe stated that the fundraising committee has been unable to gain traction. Chloe plans to use fundraising as needed, using a strategic approach. The Senior Center will be celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in December 2021.

3. Announcements: Day in the Park is scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup> at Pierce Park in Appleton. Pizza and rock painting will be September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Senior Center. Bingo will be held at Jefferson Park on September 28<sup>th</sup>, sponsored by American Grand. The October 1<sup>st</sup> Lunch and Learn will cover Evidence Based Classes, including the upcoming Healthy Living with Diabetes class beginning October 12<sup>th</sup>. This class is for pre-diabetics, type II

diabetics and those living with someone with diabetes. The UW Oshkosh student nurses will be doing a project at the Senior Center this semester focusing on senior mental health.

#### F. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

Nothing to report

#### G. NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report

#### H. HELD OVER BUSINESS

##### 1. COA Vacancies (3)

a. Review COA member interest survey & information sheet: Committee reviewed the COA member interest survey and information sheet. Forms will be added as an insert to the October Chatter newsletter. The first review of returned surveys will occur on November 1, 2021.

#### I. ADJOURNMENT

Bea Kohanski motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:57 PM. The motion was seconded by Tom Stoffel. The motion passed.

Next meeting: October 8, 2021 at 1:00 PM  
Menasha City Hall  
100 Main Street, Room 132  
Menasha, WI

1028 Southfield Drive  
Menasha WI 54952  
September 11, 2021

Dear Ms. Nassey:

As chairperson of the Menasha Committee on Aging, it has come to my attention that the Farmers Market in Curtis Reed Square is not conducive to individuals who need to use assisted walking devices such as walkers, canes, scooters, etc. As you know the downtown area of Menasha is a food desert and many individuals do not have transportation to local grocery stores.

Curtis Reed Square is certainly a beautiful place to hold a variety of events. However, there are many people who live in the surrounding area of downtown who actually depend on the Market.

Could the food vendors be returned to the spots on Main Street so these people can have access to them once again? I hope that in planning for next seasons Market, this issue could be taken into consideration.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Pat Irwin

cc: Beth Roberts, ADRC  
Don Merkes, Mayor

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Don Merkes <[dmerkes@ci.menasha.wi.us](mailto:dmerkes@ci.menasha.wi.us)>  
**Subject:** Farm Market  
**Date:** September 24, 2021 at 2:17:10 PM CDT  
**To:** "Patricia Irwin" <[rubbyangelslippers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rubbyangelslippers@sbcglobal.net)>

Pat

Got your letter and wanted you to know that the City hasn't ran the farm market for the last two years.

I also wasn't aware that there were accessibility issues on the square.

That being said, I'm not sure if there will or won't be a farm market in 2022. I've talked to a couple of new people about running the market and there is some interest. If they do I'll make sure that they are aware of the accessibility issues at the square, and suggest returning back to the marina site

Not sure that I can do much for the last few weeks of the market this year though

Don

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