



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

Date: November 12, 2021

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: City Hall Room 132

A. CALL TO ORDER
B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES
C. MINUTES TO APPROVE 1. October 8, 2021
D. CORRESPONDENCE 1. Email to Mayor Merkes re: Menasha Farmer's Market 2022
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 1. Changes to Dial-a-Ride
H. HELD OVER BUSINESS 1. COA Vacancies (3)
I. ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF MENASHA
COMMITTEE ON AGING
MINUTES
October 8, 2021

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Pat Irwin at 1:00 PM

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

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

Staff Present: Larissa Keller

C. MINUTES TO APPROVE

1. Committee on Aging Meeting Minutes September 10, 2021

Tom Stoffel motioned to approve the September 10, 2021 minutes, motion was seconded by Bea Kohanski. The motion passed.

D. CORRESPONDENCE

Pat Irwin's letter to Kim Nassey of 140 Main re: location of the Farmer's Market was returned undelivered. Mayor Merkes' response, which detailed uncertainty for the future of the Farmer's Market, was discussed. Pat Irwin will contact Mayor Merkes on behalf of the Committee to convey the importance of the market to the residents of the downtown area, and to encourage the continuation of the Farmer's Market in the future.

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. As of 10/6, 54.1% of City residents have received at least one dose of vaccine and 52.3% of City residents are fully vaccinated. Regional ThedaCare modeling shows that we may have reached a peak for the Delta variant surge. Vaccination remains key, while masking and physical distancing continue to be important tools against the spread. Pfizer booster doses are now available for eligible individuals. All area vaccinators who carry the Pfizer vaccine should be able to provide a booster dose.

b. Sixty Plus Grant – Programs Update: No report.

2. Senior Center

a. Senior Center Operations/Programming Update: Kristine Hutter reported on behalf of Chloe Hansen-Dunn. The hours of operation will remain 8-1pm Monday through Friday until January of 2022. The number of Senior Center visitors has remained about the same, with a steady number of visits and services. Leah McCormick has connected with a member who has shown interest in starting the fundraising committee again.

b. 2022 Budget Update: Chloe and Kristine are in the midst of annual report writing and budget preparation. Budgets are due to Common Council on October 15th and budget presentations will be held in the first two weeks of November.

3. Announcements: American Grand Assisted Living is sponsoring Bingo, which is being held twice a month. Square dance lessons have started and take place in the evenings. The lessons are being taught by a volunteer instructor and will continue through the month of December. There are two crafts planned for the month of October; a painted wooden pumpkin and a pumpkin carving/painting being taught by a local artist on October 12th. Dog-tober fest will take place on Oct 20 where members can bring their dog to our dog friendly center. The

Senior Center is planning to have its 40th anniversary on December 7th. Committee members discussed having Chloe and Leah approach the Menasha Historical Society or the Menasha Alumni Society to assist with the history of the Senior Center.

F. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

Nothing to report

G. NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report

H. HELD OVER BUSINESS

1. COA Vacancies (3): Kristine Hutter met with a community member who is interested in filling a vacancy. All applications will be reviewed in November.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Bea Kohanski motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 PM. The motion was seconded by Tom Stoffel. The motion passed.

Next meeting: October 12, 2021 at 1:00 PM

Menasha City Hall

100 Main Street, Room 132

Menasha, WI

Begin forwarded message:

From: Patricia Irwin <rubyangelslippers@sbcglobal.net>

Subject: Farmer's Market

Date: October 11, 2021 at 10:06:48 AM CDT

To: Don Merkes <dmerkes@ci.menasha.wi.us>

Good Morning Sir,

At our Committee on Aging meeting on Friday, we discussed the Menasha Farmer's Market. We all agreed that it is particularly important to the residence of the near downtown to have at least the food vendors at a weekly farmer's market. Although we do not feel we have the skills or resources to take on the project, we would like to know how we can encourage whomever does take the project on for next season. Please let me know your thoughts and we will do what we can.

Thank you for your service.

Pat Irwin
Committee on Aging