

CITY OF MENASHA
COMMITTEE ON AGING
MINUTES
December 10, 2021

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Pat Irwin at 1:10 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 October 8, 2021

Tom Stoffel motioned to approve the October 8, 2021 minutes, motion was seconded by Bea Kohanski. The motion passed.

D. CORRESPONDENCE

Pat Irwin's email to Mayor Merkes re: the future of the Menasha Farmer's Market was discussed. Pat reported that she has received no response from her letter to the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Winnebago County.

E. REPORT OF DEPT HEADS/STAFF/CONSULTANTS

1. Public Health

a. COVID-19 Update: Kristine Hutter reported that cases within the City are currently at the highest point in over a year and fall into the "critically high" burden level. Pfizer vaccine is now available for the 5-11 year old age group. FDA, CDC, and the state are now recommending booster doses for the 16-17 year old age group.

b. Sixty Plus Grant – Programs Update: Kristine Hutter reported on behalf of Meghan Pauly. Meghan provided 46 services to 43 people in the month of November. November service offerings included blood pressure checks/wellness room, Lunch and Learn, and Memory Café.

2. Senior Center

a. Senior Center Operations/Programming Update: Chloe Hansen-Dunn reported that the Menasha Senior Center had 146 unique visitors in the month of November. The Senior Center celebrated its 40th anniversary on Tuesday, December 7th with a pancake brunch, bingo, prizes, and crafts. Staff is currently preparing for a change in operating hours. Beginning in January, the Senior Center will be open from 8-4 Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Tuesdays and Fridays will be open 8-1.

b. 2022 Budget Update: Chloe Hansen-Dunn reported that the Senior Center budget was approved with no changes.

3. Announcements: The Aging & Disability Resource Center of Winnebago County will be conducting memory screenings at the Menasha Senior Center on the third Wednesday of the month beginning December 15th. Upcoming Lunch and Learns have been scheduled for 2022. Jean Kenevan from the Office of the Blind and Visually Impaired will cover eye care and vision on January 7th. Sam Schroeder, Director of Community Development, will be discussing City of Menasha developments on February 4th. On March 4th, Tracy Karnitz will be discussing Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS), a neuromodulation technique used for adults suffering from major depressive disorder.

F. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

Nothing to report

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Changes to Dial-a-Ride: Chloe Hansen Dunn advised the committee of changes to the Dial-a-Ride program. This program will continue to be managed by the City of Neenah, but will no longer go through Fox Valley Cab. Running Inc., operated by Valley Transit, will be taking over this program and will have an online application process for rides.

H. HELD OVER BUSINESS

1. COA Vacancies (3): Applications will be submitted to Mayor Merkes for review. Pat Irwin will contact Advocap regarding committee vacancies.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Bea Kohanski motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 PM. The motion was seconded by Tom Stoffel. The motion passed.

Next meeting: January 14, 2022 at 1:00 PM
Menasha City Hall
100 Main Street, Room 132
Menasha, WI