



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

Date: February 11, 2022

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: City Hall Room 132

A. CALL TO ORDER
B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES
C. MINUTES TO APPROVE 1. January 14, 2022
D. CORRESPONDENCE 1. Email to Director of Parks & Recreation, Megan Sackett, re: Celebration of Lights 2. Email to Mayor Merkes and Director of Public Works, Laura Jungwirth, re: City Sidewalk Ordinance
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 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
January 14, 2022

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Pat Irwin at 1:03 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 December 10, 2021

Tom Stoffel motioned to approve the December 10, 2021 minutes, motion was seconded by Kristine Hutter. The motion passed.

D. CORRESPONDENCE

Pat Irwin reported that she has not received a response from her email to Advocap regarding Committee vacancies.

E. REPORT OF DEPT HEADS/STAFF/CONSULTANTS

1. Public Health

- a. COVID-19 Update: Kristine Hutter reported that cases within the City remain at the “critically high” burden level as positive cases have doubled over the past two weeks due to the highly transmissible Omicron variant. 60.3% of City residents have received at least one dose of vaccine with 57.3% completing an entire vaccine series. The FDA, CDC, and WI Department of Health Services are now recommending booster doses for ages 12 and up, which can be given 5 months after the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine.

- b. Sixty Plus Grant – Programs Update: Kristine Hutter reported on behalf of Meghan Pauly. Meghan provided 19 services to 18 people in the month of December. December service offerings included blood pressure checks/wellness room, Lunch and Learn, and memory screening. Year to date, Meghan provided 218 services to 147 people.

- c. Winnebago County Grants Update – Kristine Hutter reported that Mayor Merkes signed contracts for Winnebago County grants for the Senior Center and 60+ Health Screenings. There will be no change in funding for 2022.

2. Senior Center

- a. Senior Center Operations/Programming Update: Chloe Hansen-Dunn reported that the Menasha Senior Center had 128 unique visitors in the month of December. In December, the Center saw 427 visits for 430 services, 97 YMCA services, and 4 volunteers for a total of 12 volunteer hours. Thus far in January, the staff has seen more new participants than regulars. The change to Center hours has seen more groups coming in the afternoons on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

3. Announcements: Memory screenings will take place on the third Wednesday of the month. Sam Schroeder, Director of Community Development, will be discussing City of Menasha developments at the Lunch & Learn on February 4th. Meghan will continue to do blood pressure checks. The Senior Center and Library have joined to present a two part film lecture series featuring Alfred Hitchcock films on Feb. 15th and Feb. 22nd. The Senior Center currently has an opening for a LTE clerk.

a. Rebuilding Together Fox Cities – Chloe Hansen-Dunn presented information for Rebuilding Together Fox Cities, an agency that works to keep people in the homes by making renovations. They have begun a focused initiative on fall prevention. There is an application process for their regular work, but fall concern referrals can be made by the Fire Department.

F. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

Nothing to report

G. NEW BUSINESS

Bea Kohanski brought up a concern regarding city sidewalks being cleared. Committee discussed the City ordinance and the need for better enforcement on behalf of the senior population. Pat Irwin will email Mayor Merkes and Laura Jungwirth, Director of Public Works.

H. HELD OVER BUSINESS

1. COA Vacancies (3): Kristine Hutter and Chloe Hansen-Dunn have had discussions with Mayor Merkes regarding the vacancies. Mayor Merkes is reviewing the applications but has not made decisions regarding appointments to the Committee.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Tom Stoffel motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 PM. The motion was seconded by Bea Kohanski. The motion passed.

Next meeting: February 11, 2022 at 1:00 PM

Menasha City Hall

100 Main Street, Room 132

Menasha, WI

1028 Southfield Drive
Menasha, WI 54952
January 18, 2022

Megan Sackett
100 Main Street Suite 200
Menasha, WI 54952

Dear Megan,

At the January 14 Committee On Aging meeting, it was brought up what a fine job your committee did on the Celebration of Lights.

Kudos to you all and we hope that this will become an annual event. Thanks for all your hard work. Please pass along our regards to the other members of your committee.

Sincerely,

Pat Irwin
Chairperson of the Committee on Aging

From: Megan Sackett <msackett@ci.menasha.wi.us>
Subject: RE: Celebration of Lights
Date: January 24, 2022 at 11:01:51 AM CST
To: "Patricia Irwin" <rubyangelslippers@sbcglobal.net>

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Hello Pat,

Thank you for reaching out about the Gather 'Round Celebration in December. Although I appreciate the accolades, the real accolades go to Alderman Tom Grade and Alderman Randy Ropella as they led the committee and organization of this event. The committee is very happy with how the event turned out and the amazing reception of it by the community. We certainly have plans to hold it again in 2022.

As always, thank you for your support,

Megan Sackett
Director of Parks, Recreation, Forestry and Cemeteries
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1028 Southfield Drive
Menasha, WI 54952
January 18, 20201

Mayor Merkus
Laura Jungwith

Dear Mayor Markus and Ms. Jungwith:

At the last Committee On Aging meeting, (1/14/2021) the topic of snow removal from sidewalks was brought up. Some members have had difficulties walking the sidewalks and crossing streets because of the snow and ice. It is particularly difficult for individuals with devices that assist them in walking but even able bodied individuals could take a nasty spill.

We fully realize that each snow event presents its own unique issues. And, we appreciate the hard work city employees do to keep the streets safe for vehicle traffic. In my opinion, better than many of the surrounding municipalities.

However, the sidewalks have been a problem for people, forcing them to sometimes have to walk in the street which they are reluctant to do. Is there a way to put out the word to property owners that this is a serious problem for the senior members of our community as well as others. Our sources say that it is a problem in the downtown area but also throughout the city.

Your help and consideration in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Pat Irwin
Chairperson of the Committee on Aging

From: Laura Jungwirth <ljungwirth@ci.menasha.wi.us>

Subject: RE: City sidewalks

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Date: January 25, 2022 at 8:30:39 AM CST

To: Patricia Irwin <rubyangelslippers@sbcglobal.net>, Don Merkes <dmerkes@ci.menasha.wi.us>

Pat,

We appreciate you providing this information and making us aware of some of the things the senior population is dealing with. We did add sidewalk and road plowing information for residents on our common council agenda in December, and the same information is also posted on the news portion of our city website. Obviously these are only two avenues, both of which are electronic, but we certainly want to try informing residents to the best of our ability. We will continue some additional internal discussions on how we can get this information out to residents in different ways, but are open to any suggestions you or your group may have. I have included the links to what we posted in this email for reference if you cared to forward along.

https://www.cityofmenasha-wi.gov/news_detail_T6_R194.php

<https://cms5.revize.com/revize/menasha/Agendas%20-%20Minutes/Common%20Council/2021/CC%2012-20-21%20Agenda%20Packet.pdf>

Thank you again for your time, and we look forward to our continued communications in the future.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Patricia Irwin [<mailto:rubyangelslippers@sbcglobal.net>]

Sent: Friday, January 21, 2022 11:13 AM

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

Cc: Laura Jungwirth <ljungwirth@ci.menasha.wi.us>

Subject: Re: City sidewalks

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] DO NOT CLICK links, attachments, or reply unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Thank you, sir, for your quick response. I will pass this information along as best as I can. One problem is that the very people who need this service are also a bit reticent to make the call. I'm sure you have come across this experience that those, especially who are less able, find it difficult to speak up.

FYI Being on the COA has made me ponder how I can become more aware of the needs of the more senior population in our community and try to be an advocate for them. I have come to have a desire for COA to not only be of service to the Senior Center but to all older members of our community.

On Jan 21, 2022, at 10:19 AM, Don Merkes <dmerkes@ci.menasha.wi.us> wrote:

Hi Pat

I agree that there are too many sidewalks around the community that people do not shovel regularly. I turn in properties quite often.

If there are issues with a particular sidewalk have the person give public works a call and they can either provide notice or shovel the sidewalk if the property owner isn't making a good faith effort to maintain them. You can reach Karen at Public Works at 967-3620.

Don