

# Senior Citizen Commission Minutes

15801 Michigan Ave. Dearborn, MI 48126

Meeting held in Front Board Room

September 16, 2024

## Meeting Called to Order

- ❖ Called to order: 1 pm by Manuela Blankinship - Chairperson

## Roll Call

- ❖ Present: Manuela Blankinship – Chairperson
- ❖ Cecilia Pilon – Secretary
- ❖ Lucia Gliese – Senior Commissioner
- ❖ Ana Mastroianni – Senior Commissioner
- ❖ Mary Nameth – Senior Commissioner
- ❖ Donna Bechtel – Senior Services
- ❖ Silvio Davis - Liaison
- ❖ Ali Fawaz - Recreation
- ❖ Jonathon Golich – Parks & Recreation
- ❖ Claudia Meyers – Dearborn Resident
  
- ❖ Absent: Gary Kulesus – Assistant Chairperson  
Jan Schulz – Senior Commissioner

Guest Speakers: Ali Abazeed, Director of Public Health  
Assma Khatib – Community Relations

## Agenda

- ❖ Motion to accept by: Anna Mastroianni
- ❖ Seconded by: Lucia Gliese
- ❖ Motion carried

## Minutes

- ❖ Motion to accept by: Mary Nameth
- ❖ Seconded by: Manuela Blankinship
- ❖ Motion carried

## New Business

Guest Speaker Ali Abazeed spoke about the new Health Department and the programs that his department is doing. The Health Department works for good air quality, drug and safety programs throughout the city and various other programs to make Dearborn a safe city to live in. There are 30 interns from U of M being trained in the program and U of M pays for the training. There are concerns about homeless people as well as people with Alzheimer's and dementia. Ms. Assma Khatib is a Behavioral Health Manager working closely with the schools on teaching the children healthy and safe behaviors. They are taught healthy eating and exercising is important in their lives.

### **Updates**

- ❖ Transportation – 653 Clients, 344 Senior plus 309 Handicapped
- ❖ Telephone Re-assurance – 8 in the month of September
- ❖ Meals on Wheels – Approximately 150 per month
- ❖ Liquid Nutrition – 26 clients picked up in August and 28 clients in September
- ❖ TEFAP -The Emergency Food Assistance Program – Aug 70 Clients, Sept. 63
- ❖ Hope & Healing – 6 clients in August and 12 in September
- ❖ Travel – 37 confirmed for Mackinac Island Trip in October, Camp Dearborn Trip in August was a great success – 50 people attended. Fun for all
- ❖ Senior Activities – Flyers in Senior Office, News & Views

### **Communications**

- ❖ Monthly Calendars in Senior Office along with flyers, News & Views. Also, make use of marquis.

### **Adjournment**

- ❖ Motion to adjourn at: 2:10pm by Mary Nameth
- ❖ Seconded by: Lucia Gliese
- ❖ Motion carried

Respectfully submitted:

Cecilia Pilon