

Senior Citizen Commission Minutes
Senior Center 15801 Michigan Ave. Dearborn, MI 48126
Meeting held in Front Board Room at 1pm
January 27, 2025

Meeting Called to Order

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

Roll Call

- ❖ Present: Manuela Blankinship – Chairperson
- ❖ Gary Kulesus – Assistant Chairperson/
- ❖ Cecilia Pilon – Secretary
- ❖ Lucia Gliese – Senior Commissioner
- ❖ Ana Mastroianni – Senior Commissioner
- ❖ Lupe Matta – Senior Commissioner
- ❖ Donna Bechtel - Seniors
- ❖ Leslie Herrick – Dearborn Council

- ❖ Absent: Silvio Davis – Liaison
- Mary Nameth – Senior Commissioner
- Jan Schulz – Senior Commissioner

Agenda

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

Minutes

- ❖ Motion to accept by: Lupe Matta
- ❖ Seconded by: Gary Kulesus
- ❖ Motion carried

Updates:

Transportation

- ❖ 586 Clients 285 Seniors plus 301 Handicapped, 19 days of operation. Should receive new buses in 2025. May hire new dispatcher.

Phone Reassurance

- ❖ 7 Clients called Monday thru Friday unless otherwise requested

Meals on Wheels

Average 150 Clients per week (no delivery on Fridays – frozen meal provided on Thursdays. Extra frozen meals provided if there will be closures for weather or holidays.

Liquid Nutrition

- ❖ 28 Clients in January

Food Distribution

- ❖ 53 Clients in January

Senior Services Information and Activities

- ❖ Flyers in Senior Office and also at Senior Housing.
- ❖ Dearborn Calendars were mailed to residents but many said they never received.'
- ❖ 2025 City of Dearborn Calendars available in Senior Office.
- ❖ Senior Staff went to Morley Manor to make a presentation of services and events that are available in the Senior area.

Travel

- ❖ 2/6 Firekeepers – (cancelled due to bad weather)
- ❖ Travel Club Meeting February 13, changed to February 20, due to poor weather.
- ❖ New Flyers in Senior Office for various trips

Hope and Healing

- ❖ 7 Clients

New Business

- ❖ No Guest Speakers in January
- ❖ Snow Removal – 92 clients on list 50 were done, 30 student volunteers. Court ordered help also used.
- ❖ Silver Sneakers Program to be announced by Mayor Hammoud in February
- ❖ New Rug Hookers Program on Second Saturday of every month begins 2/08/2025
- ❖ Mayor Hammoud to attend Senior Services on Friday, February 21, 11:30am – 12:30pm.

Communications

- ❖ New phone number to be used for Dearborn Information – 943-2150. Number is on calendars.

Adjournment

- ❖ Motion to adjourn at: 2:10pm by Lucia Gliese
- ❖ Seconded by: Ana Mastroianni
- ❖ Motion carried

Respectfully submitted:

Cecilia Pilon