

## **Senior Citizen Commission Minutes**

**Senior Center 15801 Michigan Ave. Dearborn, MI 48126**

**Meeting held in Front Board Room**

**Date: February 24, 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**
- ❖ **Ana Mastroianni – Senior Commissioner**
- ❖ **Lupe Matta – Senior Commissioner**
- ❖ **Mary Nameth – Senior Commissioner**
- ❖ **Jan Schulz – Senior Commissioner**
- ❖ **Donna Bechtel - Seniors**
- ❖ **Ali Fawaz – Parks & Recreation**
  
- ❖ **Absent: Silvio Davis – Liaison**  
**Lucia Gliese – Senior Commissioner**

### **Guests**

- ❖ **Katie Doyal-Rabhi, Director of Communications for City of Dearborn**
- ❖ **Dustin Kane, Housing Manager / City of Dearborn**
- ❖ **Joseph Muglia – Outreach Counselor – City of Dearborn Housing**
- ❖ **Marie Crafts – Dearborn Resident**

### **Agenda**

- ❖ **Motion to accept by: Lupe Matta**
- ❖ **Seconded by: Mary Nameth**
- ❖ **Motion carried**

### **Minutes**

- ❖ **Motion to accept by: Gary Kulesus**
- ❖ **Seconded by: Mary Nameth**
- ❖ **Motion carried**

### **Updates**

#### **Transportation**

- ❖ **584 Clients 266 Seniors plus 318 Handicapped, 19 days of operation.**

### 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.) Halal meals delivered by Country Kitchen.

### Liquid Nutrition

- ❖ 29 Clients

### Food Distribution

- ❖ 65 Clients plus 1 walk in.

### Senior Services Information and Activities

- ❖ Flyers in Senior Office.
- ❖ Mayor Hammoud had meeting in Senior Lounge on February 21.
- ❖ John Golich to advise regarding group programs.
- ❖ Silver Sneakers is now available.

### Travel

- ❖ Travel to Library for tour of the library and Sparks Lab.
- ❖ New flyers in Senior Office for various trips.

### Hope and Healing

- ❖ 0 Clients – Cancelled due to weather

### New Business

- ❖ Guest Speakers from Dearborn Housing spoke on Senior Housing available in Dearborn.
- ❖ Federal Housing includes Sisson Manor, Kennedy, and Townsend Towers
- ❖ Housing costs vary based on income. There is a current wait list
- ❖ Affordable housing also available which includes Suzanne Sarini Towers and John B. O'Reilly Tower. Rates start at \$592.00 and up based on income. There is a pet policy.
- ❖ Various activities are provided and some include outside providers.
- ❖ Only 1 bus available for all 5 buildings. No Tuesday or Friday trips.
- ❖ Currently working on a Housing brochure.
- ❖ There has also been money invested for housing to do upgrades.

The Director of Communications spoke and answered questions on the Communications Department, the department is in charge of Social Media, City Calendar, Contents Formatting, CDTV, and Design Works. They are working on a new Dearborn Magazine which will be Bi-Annual. Should be out late summer.

**Communications**

- ❖ **Monthly Calendars in Senior Office for various activities.**
- ❖ **Flyers are distributed to Senior Housing**
- ❖ **Minutes & Agenda are onsite.**
- ❖ **Group email for Commissioners - CeCe & Donna to advise.**

**Adjournment**

- ❖ **Motion to adjourn at: 2:02pm by Mary Nameth**
- ❖ **Seconded by: Ana Mastroianni**
- ❖ **Motion carried**

**Respectfully submitted:**

**Cecilia Pilon**