

Senior Citizen Commission Minutes
Senior Center 15801 Michigan Ave. Dearborn, MI 48126
Meeting held in Front Board Room
Date: April 21, 2025

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
- ❖ Lupe Matta – Senior Commissioner
- ❖ Mary Nameth – Senior Commissioner
- ❖ Donna Bechtel – Senior Supervisor
- ❖ Silvio Davis - Liaison
- ❖ Debra Smith – Senior Office
- ❖ Absent: Gary Kulesus Assistant Chairperson
- Jan Schulz – Senior Commissioner

Agenda

- ❖ Motion to accept by: Lucia Gliese
- ❖ Seconded by: Mary Nameth
- ❖ Motion carried

Minutes

- ❖ Motion to accept by: Anna Mastroianni
- ❖ Seconded by: Lupe Matta
- ❖ Motion carried

Updates

Transportation

- ❖ 775 Clients in April, 21 days 334 Seniors, 441 Handicap.

Phone Reassurance

- ❖ 7 Clients called Monday thru Friday unless otherwise requested.

Meals on Wheels

- ❖ Average 150 Clients per day (No delivery on Fridays-a frozen meal is provided on Thursdays.)

Liquid Nutrition

- ❖ 26 Clients on April 2, 2025.

Food Distribution

- ❖ 55 Clients April 14, 2025 + 2 walk ins.

Senior Services Information and Activities

- ❖ Flyers in Senior Office.
- ❖ Tigers Opening Day Party was on April 4 and there were 16 people who attended.
- ❖ Butterfly Movie at Ford Museum on 4/22 – Senior Transportation used.
- ❖ Trip to Michigan Central Station – scheduled for June 11, 2025.
- ❖ Camp Dearborn Day planned for August 15, 2025.

Travel

- ❖ New Flyers from Bianco in Senior Office.
- ❖ Debra is working on some day trips using Senior Transportation.

Hope and Healing

- ❖ 9 Clients on 4/3/2025.

Tax Preparation

- ❖ AARP Volunteers serviced over 400 clients from early February until April.

New Business

Mr. Guibord, Camp Dearborn Facility Assistant Manager spoke about many additions and changes at Camp Dearborn. Grant money was used for approvals as well as budgeted money. They are hoping for more grant money.

- ❖ New Monument Sign at entrance of the camp.
- ❖ Cleanup on fence lines – new fences after 7/01/2025.
- ❖ New Paddle Boats
- ❖ Updates on most of the Comfort Stations, no Changing Station as yet.
- ❖ 146 old trailers were demolished as outdated and not to Michigan State Codes.
- ❖ New Green Tents replacing the ones removed. They include outdoor kitchen, dining table, bunk beds, and queen bed. Rental is \$95/night.
- ❖ Booking Site is CampDearborn.com for additional information.
- ❖ No winter camping.
- ❖ Canteen is taken back by the city.
- ❖ Disk Golf has been added.
- ❖ Mini Golf Course will keep having improvements.

Communications

- ❖ Monthly Calendars in Senior Office also sent to Senior Housing.
- ❖ Email Address for seniorcommission@dearborn.gov – addresses to be included are for Manuela Blankinship, Chairperson and Cecilia Pilon, Secretary.

Adjournment

- ❖ Motion to adjourn at 2:16pm by Lupe Matta
- ❖ Seconded by: Mary Nameth

Respectfully submitted:

Cecilia Pilon