



## Senior Center Committee June 7, 2024

Senior Center Committee members convened in person on Friday, June 7, 2024. Members and attendees joined the meeting in person at the Marcia P. Coggs Center, Room 104

### **Members Present:**

Eugene Guskowski, *Commission on Aging, Chair*  
Ted Rehl, SSC  
Howard Snyder, *Commission on Aging*

### **Members Excused:**

Terrence Regan Moore Sr., *Commission on Aging, Vice-Chair*  
Amber Miller, *AARP, Commission on Aging*  
Ramona Dick-Williams

### **Members Excused Continued...**

Kent Mayfield

Alice Steuck Konkel

Mark Behar, *Commission on Aging*

### **Staff Present:**

Cathy Wood, SOA  
Shakita LaGrant-McLain, *DHHS Director*  
James Tarantino, *Deputy Director of Mke Co. Parks*  
Jill Knight, *DHHS, AAA, ADS*  
Domonique Klett, *ADS*

### **Attendees from the Public**

## MINUTES

### **I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Gene Guskowski called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. Domonique Klett took attendance; a quorum was not present.

### **II. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Today we welcomed new member, Ramona Dick-Williams to the committee.

### **III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 19, 2024, MEETING MINUTES**

A quorum was not present, meeting minutes to be reviewed in August meeting.

### **IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY SHAKITA LAGRANT-MCLAIN & JIM TARANTINO: SENIOR CENTER IMPROVEMENTS SHORT & MID-TERM INVESTMENTS**

Jim Tarantino, deputy director of Milwaukee County Parks presented a Power Point that highlighted recent or planned improvements for the 5 Milwaukee County senior centers. The presentation also covered common needs regarding areas of improvement in all 5 of the Senior Centers. Jim explained the process the County goes through to get an approved budget for the senior center project. The budget could be applicable or achieved through 3 different county departments. Each of the 5 senior centers were reviewed individually on what kind of improvements Milwaukee County Parks is proposing and how they overlap with what the Senior Center Committee is proposing. Each of the Milwaukee County Parks has an estimated budget attached to it on what that site's repairs/updates would cost. Funding will be allocated to trail maintenance and invasive species control, improving lagoon quality (cleaning the lagoon, shoreline improvements, installing a filter, controlling the reeds, etc) in all the Milwaukee County Parks.

**V. SELECT COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CENTERS MAY 2022: SENIOR CENTER MODERNIZATIONS SHORT TERM INITIATIVES & THE MKE HUBS PATH FORWARD UPDATE**

Chair Eugene Guskowski provided a handout, "Senior Center Modernizations Short Term Initiatives" to the committee members. Eugene discussed each category in the handout and how it relates to an update from the Senior Center Committee's point of view and how that coincides with what the Parks Committee presented. The items highlighted in green on the handout, are the main points the Senior Center Committee will need partnerships to achieve the desired outcome.

**VI. PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE: LONG TERM INITIATIVES**

Earmarks from the housing and park departments need to be kept up to date. Sustainability must be a priority.

Jill Knight reported the RFP for Senior Centers will be issued on June 17<sup>th</sup>, this is public knowledge and will be shared with the committee once it's available.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Next meeting is August 2, 2024, location TBD.

Respectfully submitted,

Domonique Klett  
Clerical Specialist I