



SENIOR CENTER COMMITTEE MEETING June 5, 2026

Senior Center Committee members convened in-person on June 5, 2026, at Washington Park Senior Center 4420 W. Vliet Street Milwaukee, WI 53208 with a hybrid option.

Members Present:

Eugene Guskowski *Chair*
Crocker Stephenson *Vice Chair*
Commissioner Mark Behar
Ted Rehl
Howard Snyder
Alice Steuck Konkel

Members Excused:

M. Kent Mayfield
Cheri Swenson

Staff Present:

Tina Anderson, Administrator *DHHS-ADS*
Daniel Idzikowski, *DHHS-AAA*
Emily Kenny, *DHHS*

Attendees from the Public

Vevette Hill Nwagbaraocha
Michael Vanblaricum SOA

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Gene Guskowski called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Idzikowski called the roll and a quorum of members was present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MAY 1, 2026, SENIOR CENTER MEETING MINUTES.

MOTION: To accept the May 1, 2026 Senior Center Committee Meeting Minutes as presented.

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Behar moved, Rehl second).

III. ACTION/ INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

A. UPDATE REGARDING SOLUTIONS FOR AN ALTERNATIVE MCGOVERN SENIOR CENTER

Chair Guskowski stated that significant progress has been made with the support of the DHHS Administration to secure temporary alternative space for senior center programming for participants from the former McGovern senior center. An agreement has been reached with Havenwoods nature center. Negotiations are ongoing with Embassy MKE.

B. GUIDELINES FOR SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMMING IN NON-MC OWNED CENTERS

Idzikowski requested advice on the AAA Sponsored Senior Center Programming Guidelines presented to the committee. Discussion occurred with members suggesting the inclusion of the following items:

- Consideration of multiple generations of older adults
- Programming not limited to the specific buildings
- Education regarding information technology
- Specific requirements for a participant advisory council
- More particularity regarding advocacy activities
- Requirements for safety including fire safety

C. STRATEGIC DIRECTION FOR FUTURE SUPPORT OF MILWAUKEE COUNTY SENIOR CENTERS

Chair Guskowski reported on efforts to solicit a consultant to guide the development of a long-term proposal for fiscal stability for senior center facilities and programming.

Idzikowski reported that a lease had been signed for the development of a senior center on the Bucyrus campus in South Milwaukee.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Behar moved, Snyder second).

The next Senior Center Committee meeting will be held on August 7, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Idzikowski
Director of Aging Services