



## **SENIOR CENTER COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 3, 2026**

Senior Center Committee members convened in person at Marcia P. Coggs Health and Human Service Building with a hybrid option.

### **Members' Present**

*Commissioner*, Eugene Guskowski,  
*Chair*  
*Commissioner*, Denise Callaway  
*Commissioner*, Mark Behar  
Ted Rehl  
Alice Steuck Konkel

### **Staff Present**

Daniel Idzikowski *DHHS*  
Jill Knight, *DHHS*  
Ortriallya Paris *DHHS*  
Michelle Allison *DHHS*

### **Members Excused**

Ramona Dicks Williams  
Amber Miller  
Alice Steuck Konkel  
Cheri Swenson  
Kent Mayfield

### **Attendees from the Public**

Vera Ford  
Maxine May  
Rene Smith

## **MINUTES**

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

Chair Guskowski, Eugene, called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.  
Jill Knight Program Coordinator took the roll call a quorum was present.

### **II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 6, 2026, MARCH 6, 2026, SENIOR CENTER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES.**

Minutes were tabled due to lack of a quorum

### **III. ACTION/ INFORMATIONAL/ DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **A. MARCH COUNTY BOARD REPORT REGARDING MCGOVERN SENIOR CENTER**

Discussion regarding the status of McGovern-County Board Report, including investing in the existing senior center, pursuing a short-term alternative, and exploring a long-term alternative.

**B. UPDATE ON MARCH HEARINGS REGARDING FUTURE OF SENIOR CENTER AT WASHINGTON PARK SENIOR CENTER.**

Discussion was held on the topic. An update was provided on the March hearings regarding the future of the McGovern Senior Center. Participants received a summary of the hearing discussions, including the main concerns raised by community members, potential options for the facility's future, and any recommendations presented by stakeholders. Additionally, feedback was gathered from attendees to help guide next steps.

**C. FORMATION OF A SUPPORTING FOUNDATION**

The committee discussed the need to build a strong support base for the McGovern Center. Members noted that many seniors in nearby neighborhoods are unaware of available services and are not engaged with the center. The group emphasized doing outreach through churches and other community organizations to increase visibility and involvement. Building this engagement will be essential to forming a sustainable foundation for the center's future. No formal action taken.

**D. POTENTIAL REVIEW MARKETING POWER POINT PRESENTATION**

Chair Eugene Guskowski presented the first draft of a marketing Power point Presentation. The first priority is forming a Friends Group. Next steps include developing a mission statement and working with a consultant. The consultant will guide the Friends Group through understanding the overall plan, assist in clarifying goals and responsibilities, and provide professional insight into effective organization, outreach, and marketing strategies to support the group's development.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourn at 2:57 p.m.

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