



MILWAUKEE COUNTY
Department on Aging

**Senior Center Select Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2021**

Members Present

Chair Gloria Pitchford-Nicholas
Ruth Bevenue
Sharron Fitak
Gene Guszowski
Dain Maddox
Kent Mayfield
Jim Piontek
Howard Snyder

Members Excused

Leon Davis
Patricia Delmenhorst
Commissioner John Griffith
County Supervisor Jason Haas
Victoria Jensen
Debra Jupka
Deborah Lewis
Sally Lindner

Members Excused

Alice Steuck-Konkel
Cathy Wood

Milwaukee County Staff

Michelle Allison, DHHS
Daniel Idzikowski, DHHS
Pam Matthews, DAS
Vonda Nyang, DHHS
Carrie Vallejo, DHHS

Guests

Ann Cook
James Sheridan
Laz Jackson
Sharon Roy
Maureen Conrad
Ana Castaneda

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – present

Chair Pitchford-Nicholas called the Senior Center Select Committee to order on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at 1 p.m. DHHS Division on Aging's Program and Policy Coordinator Dan Idzikowski took roll call.

II. WELCOME AND REVIEW OF CHARGE

Chair Pitchford-Nicholas reviewed the Senior Center Select Committee's charge and the Committee agenda for today's meeting. The charge is as follows:

- Evaluate suggestions presented in the "Envisioning" Report.
- Categorize suggestions as long or short term.
- Review programming and infrastructure needs at each Milwaukee County Senior Center.
- Develop and monitor short and long-term plans for senior centers and senior center programming.
- Ascertain resources necessary to carry out these plans.
- Report findings and recommendations to the Advisory Council.

III. TRANSLATING THE FUTURE OF SENIOR CENTERS VISION STATEMENT INTO ACTION

Gene Guskowski presented and discussed the vision statement that he and Howard Snyder authored with the committee. The Committee discussed possible next steps to move forward with the draft statement. A few committee members felt they needed to receive more input from the public on the progress of the visioning statement before submitting the final report to the Commission on Aging. The Senior Center Select Committee will present the draft vision statement to the Commission on Aging in its current draft state.

Chair Pitchford Nicholas requested that Gene Guskowski and Howard Snyder present the draft Senior Centers vision statement to the Commission at the November COA meeting.

IV. ADDRESSING CRITICAL QUESTIONS

The Senior Center Select Committee broke into their subcommittees to discuss the seven critical questions for the Select Committee on Senior Centers document among their group members. They will report back at the next Senior Center Select Committee meeting.

V. SUBGROUP MEETINGS – Tabled

VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Idzikowski informed the Senior Center Select Subcommittee members that they had invited the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Deputy Director David Muhammad to speak on Milwaukee County's Strategic Plan and Health Equity Initiative. Also, Jon Janowski, Director of the Division on Aging, will discuss the County Budget, Capital Budget process, and ARPA funding at their Senior Center Select Committee on Tuesday, November 16, 2021.
- The Chair announced that County Supervisor Jason Haas has decided not to run for County Supervisor next year.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

The next Senior Center Select Committee meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 1 p.m.

Note: All reference Materials and Reports are Located on the Milwaukee County Division on Aging Webpage: "Envisioning Our Senior Centers":
<https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Department-on-Aging/Senior-Centers-Dining/Envisioning-Our-Senior-Centers>