



**Commission on Aging
Select Committee on Senior Centers Meeting
December 13, 2022**

The Select Committee on **Senior Centers** convened virtually on Tuesday, December 13, 2022. Members and attendees joined the virtual meeting with video conference and or conference call options.

Members Present:

Chair Gloria Pitchford-Nicholas
Vice Chair Gene Guskowski
Sharron Fitak
Commissioner John Griffith
Deborah Lewis
Kent Mayfield
Howard Snyder
Alice Steuck Konkel
Cathy Wood, SOA

Members Excused:

Leon Davis
Sandra Dotson
Patricia Delmenhorst
Lorraine Jacobs
Sally Lindner
Kelsie Lyons

Members Excused:

County Supervisor Sequanna Taylor
Commissioner Cherie Swenson

Milwaukee County Staff

Michelle Allison, *DHHS*
Andrew Bethke, *DHHS*
Domonique Klett, *DHHS*
Daniel Idzikowski, *DHHS*
Jill Knight, *DHHS*
Vonda Nyang, *DHHS*

Attendees from the Public:

Commissioner Gloria Miller
Shannon Byrne, SOA
Miriam Kaja, SOA
Vevette Hill-Nwagboraocha, SOA
Sandy Quinlan, Grobschmidt SC

MINUTES

I. WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER AND REVIEW OF MEETING PURPOSE

Chairwoman Gloria Pitchford-Nicholas called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Division on Aging's Director, Daniel Idzikowski, took roll call and a quorum was present.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2022, SENIOR CENTER SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES.

Minutes were not available for review at today's meeting. They will be available for review at the next Senior Center Select Committee meeting

IV. OPPORTUNITIES FOR SENIOR CENTER EXPANSION THROUGH HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

In an email from Paul Williams, HACM Westlawn Gardens Manager did not have any specific meeting dates set but did confirm that he will invite representatives from the Select Committee on Senior Centers as well as representatives from McGovern Senior Center to participate in the housing development meetings.

To start the discussion, representatives will be taking a look at the proposed site to get a scope of size and developmental ideas.

V. CAPITAL PROJECTS AT MC SENIOR CNETERS

The County Board has amended funding for the 2023 County Capital Budget to include three more senior center capital projects to the already approved ARPA funding capital improvements.

- At Clinton Rose, the firewall separation between main hall and the rest of the building will be upgraded.
- Repairs will be made to the façade of the building at Clinton Rose.
- Exterior lighting projects at Washington Park, Wilson Park, and Clinton Rose senior centers.
- About \$500,000 will be split between all 5 senior centers. A team will go out to assess each senior center to see what can be done with the allotted funds. These will be smaller projects.
- There is an ongoing County Wide project to replace all interior lighting with LED bulbs and to retrofit any existing fixtures to support LED lighting at all 5 senior centers.
- New funding directly coming out of the capital budget/amended ARPA budget passed by the board will go towards adding McGovern to the exterior lighting project, providing battery backups to all 5 Milwaukee County senior centers, upgrading and replacing the alarm and intrusion fire systems in all 5 Milwaukee County senior centers.
- The McGovern roof is scheduled to be replaced as carryover from last year's budget.
- Repair of parking lots at all 5 senior centers is being considered.

VI. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FINAL REPORT

Idzikowski presented an executive summary of the final report that captures the conclusions of the committee as well as final conclusions that the committee arrived at from more recent meetings.

The final report will include appendices as well as a discussion of the short and long term improvements that are suggested for each of the 5 MC senior centers, as well as an analysis of individual suggestions. Discussion on the draft ensued.

It was suggested that the final report be tied more explicitly to the 2020 *Envisioning* report since that is where everything originated from. As well as defining the term “Milwaukee HUBS” so everyone will be familiar with it.

Milwaukee County Transit System should be added to the Final Report as one of the agencies that presented to the SCSC.

While the Executive Summary captures a lot of the conclusions, it does not flow particularly well. Also there is little white space and it needs more pictures. Several specific wording suggestions were made.

In order to avoid bias, the final report should be given to a trained editor to read over and make any necessary corrections.

Gene Guskowski, Howard Snyder, Kent Mayfield and Alice Steuck Konkel volunteered to help Dan Idzikowski with the final report.

VII. NEXT MEETING TIME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Senior Center Select Committee meeting will be Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., a virtual meeting.

Debra Lewis from Clinton Rose announced she will no longer be with SoA or Clinton Rose and this is her last meeting on the committee.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Domonique Klett
Clerical Assistant I