



**Commission on Aging
Senior Center Select Committee Meeting
November 15, 2022**

A quorum of **Senior Center Select Committee** members convened virtually on Tuesday, November 15, 2022. Members and attendees joined the virtual meeting by video conference and or conference call.

Members Present:

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

Members Excused:

Leon Davis
Patricia Delmenhorst
Sally Lindner
Commissioner Cherie Swenson

Members Excused:

County Supervisor Sequanna Taylor

Milwaukee County Staff

Michelle Allison, *DHHS*
Andrew Bethke, *DHHS*
Alena DeGrado, *DHHS*
Vonda Nyang, *DHHS*
Carrie Koss Vallejo, *DHHS*
Darryl Whyte, *DAS*

Attendees from the Public:

Commissioner Gloria Miller
Sheila Carter, SOA
Diane Chilinski, SOA
Miriam Kaja, SOA
Vevette Hill-Nwagboraocha, SOA

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Division on Aging's Executive Assistant, Vonda Nyang took roll call.

II. WELCOME AND REVIEW OF CHARGE

Chairwoman Gloria Pitchford-Nicholas called the meeting to order at 1:05p.m. This meeting will be focused on the possible project at Westlawn and whether or not the Senior Centers Select Committee would like to be part of the discussions moving forward.

III. REVIEW OF WESTLAWN GARDENS PROJECT INVITATION

The Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee along with Westlawn Gardens partners and the UWM School of Nursing is considering locating a Wellness Center with a focus on older adults within a new apartment building in the Westlawn Gardens neighborhood on 64th & Silver Spring. Westlawn Gardens has invited the SCSC to membership on a steering committee that would design the facility.

Does the SCSC want to accept the invitation from the Housing Authority and building developers to participate in a planning process to design the Wellness Center in this area of the city and represent the interests of older adults. Discussion about the implication for partnership with the McGovern Park senior center. The sites could be complimentary.

Committee members hesitations are mainly that during the previous meeting with the Housing Authority a lot of important questions were not answered and what exactly is expected of SCSC was very vague. There are also budgetary concerns, how will this new project be funded, and can it be sustained long term?

MOTION: To accept the invitation to participate in the Westlawn Garden Wellness Center planning meetings.

ACTION: Motion passes unanimously.

(Kent Mayfield moved, Sandra Dotson seconded).

The motion passes, the ayes have.

IV. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m. Griffith moved to adjourn the meeting, all agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Domonique Klett
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