



Senior Center Select Committee Meeting Minutes - September 7, 2021

Members Present

Chair Gloria Pitchford-Nicholas
Vice Chair Dain Maddox
Patricia Delmenhorst
Sharron Fitak
Gene Guskowski
Kent Mayfield
Alice Steuck-Konkel
Howard Synder
Cathy Wood

Members Excused

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

Milwaukee County Staff

Michelle Allison, DHHS
Daniel Idzikowski, *DHHS*
Pam Matthews,
Vonda Nyang, *DHHS*
Michelle MCDA IOC

Guests

Sue Bronson
Maureen Conrad
Ann Cook
Ken Kovac
Jessica Laughlin
Elizabeth Price
Sharon Roy
Lois Redic
Lee Sprengel
Pat Dunn
Thomas Gossett
Laz Jackson
James Sheridan

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – 28 present

Chairwoman Pitchford-Nicholas called the Select Committee on Senior Centers to order on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. DHHS Division on Aging Program and Policy Coordinator Daniel Idzikowski called the roll.

II. WELCOME AND REVIEW OF CHARGE

Chairwoman Pitchford-Nicholas welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the agenda for today's meeting and the Committee charge::

- 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. FUTURE OF SENIOR CENTERS VISION STATEMENT

Gene Guskowski and Howard Synder reviewed and informed the Select Committee on Senior Centers how their sub-group came up with the vision statement for new models for the County's five owned Senior Centers and the "MKE Hubs". After this brief review, Chairwoman Pitchford-Nicholas opened the discussion for committee members to provide their input to add to the envisioning statement, goals, and MKE Hub idea. Discussion followed. Mr. Guskowski suggested that the committee discuss their vision statement and MKE Hubs internally further before asking for outside input on the statement and Hubs. He wants the group to think about rewording some parts of the vision before finalizing the statement.

Idzikowski posted the statement online and added some of the changes discussed. The Chair decided to add this agenda item on Wednesday, September 21, 2021, to discuss further.

IV. 2022-2024 AREA PLAN GOALS FOR SENIOR CENTERS (DISCUSSION AND ACTION)

Committee Vice Chair Dain Maddox led the discussion on the 2022-2024 Area Plan Goals for Senior Centers. Mr. Maddox and Idzikowski explained that "multipurpose senior centers" are described as preferred social support services through Title III of the Older American's Act, which is why goals relating to senior centers are included in the Area Aging Plan.

Idzikowski reviewed these goals and SMART measures for each goal. The Committee suggested some tweaks to the goal and measures under Communication and Collaboration. The Chair made a motion to recommend the 2022-2024 goals and SMART measures to the COA.

MOTION: The Senior Center Select Committee recommends that the Commission on Aging adopt the Senior Center 2022-2024 Goals as provided in the enclosed document.

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Maddox, Fitak second).

V. CRITICAL DECISION POINTS FOR SENIOR CENTERS FUTURE

A group member suggested that the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the subcommittees discuss the critical decision points to develop a plan and report back to the whole Committee or review the Envisioning Report and use it as the framework for the preliminary report to present to the Advisory Council.

After a lengthy discussion, the Committee decided to have all the subcommittee Chairs and vice-chairs meet in person **at 11 a.m. on November 16, 2021**, at Washington Park Senior Center. The group will discuss the critical decision points for Senior Centers and the envisioning area report to develop the framework to present to the Senior Center Select Committee and decide if they will present to the Advisory Council.

VI. 2021 PROGRESS REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION –

Tabled.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – No Announcements

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The next Senior Center Select Committee meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 1:00 pm.

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>