



SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION
Agenda for February 20, 2025 – 9:00am
NYA City Hall Council Chambers

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION and PARTNERS

Communicating the social, economic, recreational, cultural, and personal needs of the senior portion of the City's population.

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Carolyn Durbin*, LaVonne Kroells*, Lois Schultz*, Tom Simmons*, Kay Hampshire*, Cathleen Williams*, Mary Spille*, Elroy Latzig*, Betty Settergren* Colleen Pawelk*, Eloise Swanson*, Darlene Smith-Lehrman*, Rosemary Solheid*

SENIOR HOUSING ADVISORS

Ranemma Walker – Haven, Laurie Hilgers – Harbor, Brenda Schmitz – Peace Villa, Ryker Anderson– Oak Grove

COMMUNITY/CITY REPRESENTATIVES

City Council Representative – Brooke Allen*, Karen Hallquist – City Hall, CC Sheriff Office Jesse Lee, CC Public Health Kara Cassidy, CC Library Syrena Ethier, NYA Fire Chief Scott Blom

(*) voting members

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1. **Call meeting to Order**
 2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
 3. **Adopt Agenda**
 4. **Approve minutes from January 16, 2025**
 5. **Introductions, Presentations, and Public Comment**

(Citizens may address the Senior Advisory Commission about any non-agenda item of concern. Speakers must state their name, address, and limit their remarks to three minutes. The Senior Advisory Commission will take no official action on these items but may refer the matter to staff for a future report or direct that the matter be scheduled for a future meeting.)

6. **Updates**

Monitor and expand housing options for seniors –

- 6.1 Senior Residence Updates
 - 6.1.1 Harbor / Haven
 - 6.1.2 Peace Villa
 - 6.1.3 Oak Grove

Provide safe options for seniors to get around –

- 6.2 Transit Link Circulators

Identify and promote education and social options for seniors -

- 6.3 NYA Senior Center
- 6.4 Carver County Public Health
- 6.5 Carver County Sheriff's Department
- 6.6 NYA Fire Department
- 6.7 Carver County - NYA Library

7. **Old Business**

7.1 Spring Dance – May 4, 2025, Committee: Colleen Pawelk, Mary Spille, LaVonne Kroells, Rosemary Solheid, Elroy Latzig – DJ is booked! ****Meeting at Central High School at 10:00am after the Senior Advisory Meeting!**

8. New Business

8.1 MoveMindfully is coming back!

8.2 Raider Field House – Senior Walking Event

9. NYA City Council Update

10. Adjournment

Next Senior Advisory Meeting – Thursday, March 20, 2024 @ 9:00am @ City Hall

March 4 th	Planning Commission Meeting	6:00 PM
March 10 th	Economic Development Authority (EDA)	4:30 PM
March 10 th	City Council Meeting	6:00 PM
March 12 th	NYA Food Distribution	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
March 19 th	Park and Recreation Commission Meeting	5:30 PM
March 20 th	Sr. Advisory Commission Meeting	9:00 AM
March 24 th	City Council Workshop/Meeting	5:00 PM/6:00 PM

Senior Advisory Commission
January 16, 2025, 9am
Minutes

Commissioners In Attendance: Kay Hampshire, Betty Settergren, LaVonne Kroells, Darlene Smith-Lehrman, Tom Simmons, Rosemary Solheid, Colleen Pawelk, Eloise Swanson, Carolyn Durbin, Cathleen Williams, Elroy Latzig, Mary Spille

Absent: Lois Schultz, Eloise Swanson

Community/City Representatives: City Council Representative – Brooke Allen, Karen Hallquist – City Hall, Brenda Schmitz – Peace Villa, Syrena Ethier – NYA Library

1. Call meeting to Order
 - Kroells called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
 - All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adopt Agenda

Motion: TS/CD to approve the agenda. Motion passed 12-0.
4. Approve minutes from October 17, 2024

Motion: KH/BS to approve the minutes. Motion passed 12-0.
5. Introductions, Presentations, and Public Comment
 - Introduction of new Council Representative Brooke Allen
 - Introduction of NYA Library Representative Syrena Ethier
6. Updates
 - 6.1 Senior Residence Updates
 - 6.1.1 Harbor/Haven – 3 open, 3 reserved, Haven has 1 open, 1 reserved, Memory Care is full. Hiring for Resident Assistants for AM/PM, overnight, and on-call positions.
 - 6.1.2 Peace Villa—Occupancy is 100% and the list is growing to about one year wait. There were 14 turnovers in 2024. Schmitz commented on the generosity of the community during the holidays.
 - 6.1.3 Oak Grove –Occupancy is 100%, with a waiting list of 50-60. Residents go out for monthly lunches to celebrate birthdays.
 - 6.2 Transit Link Circulators – There is a concern about lack of ridership. Will add transportation options in the next City newsletter
 - 6.3 NYA Senior Center – 24 people
 - 6.4 Carver County Public Health—Kara Cassidy is the new representative. Hallquist read Cassidy's bio, which was provided by Samantha Downs from the county. Kara will start attending in February. Hallquist will check on the MoveMindfully series.
 - 6.5 Carver County Sheriff's Department - none
 - 6.6 NYA Fire Department – The new NYA Fire Chief is Scott Blom.
 - 6.7 Carver County—NYA Library—Ethier shared that the library is in the process of hiring a branch manager. Durbin commented favorably on the book delivery system to the Harbor. The library will take donated books at any time.
7. **Old Business**
 - 7.1 Spring Dance – May 4, 2025—the DJ is booked. The committee will meet after the regular meeting.
8. New Business

- 8.1 Smith shared that AARP Senior Planet will be hosting an AI webinar in February on their YouTube channel.
- 8.2 Senior Strength classes are offered at OnPoint Nutrition
- 8.3 Add that Covid tests are available for free at city hall and the library
- 8.4 Raider Field House hours

9. NYA City Council Update

- 9.1 Allen shared that the first Council meeting of the year involved adopting an organizational resolution identifying members for commissions and committees.

10. Adjournment - Motion: KH/BS to adjourn at 9:58am. Motion passed 12-0.

Next Senior Advisory Meeting—The Next meeting is Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall.

Submitted by:

Karen Hallquist, Community & Economic Development Director