



**Senior Advisory Commission Minutes  
October 22, 2021  
City of NYA Council Chambers**

**Attendance:**

**Commission Members Present:** Carolyn Durbin, LaVonne Kroells, Elroy Latzig, Lois Schultz, Mary Spille, Tom Simmons, Cathleen Williams

**Advisors Present:** Renemma Walker (The Haven), Laurie Hilgers (The Harbor), Anne Marie Stolp (Oak Grove)

**Community/City Representatives Present:** Alan Krueger (City Council), Karen Hallquist (Economic Development/Marketing Director), Dawn Plummer (Carver County Public Health)

**Others Present:** Carol Lagergren, Tim Schochenmaier (Central Public Schools)

**1. Call meeting to order**

Chair Kroells called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**2. Adopt agenda**

*Motion by Simmons, second by Latzig to adopt agenda as submitted. Motion passed 8-0.*

**3. Approve minutes from September 16, 2021**

Correction to 4.2 - Hallquist shared information on the new weekly shopping routes implemented for **community senior citizens with stops at** Peace Village, the Harbor/Haven and Oak Grove.

Correction to 4.5 - Possible topics include: scams (~~October~~) and balance (~~November~~).

*Motion by Williams, second by Durbin to adopt minutes as amended. Motion passed 8-0.*

**4. School Bond Referendum (Tim Schochenmaier, Superintendent of Schools)**

Schochenmaier shared current plan for the walking track to include:

- Open to community from 5:30 to 7:30 AM and 3:30 - 10:00 PM
- Options for city bus to scheduled trips to walking track
- Option for vestibule or sitting area near door

These decisions will be finalized during the design phase with input from the city.

Additional questions on expanded practice fields, turf fields, and timeframe for completion.

Schochenmaier shared that a goal of Fall 2024 for completion, with an emphasis on planning for maximum use by seniors before graduation.



## 5. Updates

### ***Monitor and expand housing options for seniors***

#### **5.1 Senior Resident Updates**

- a. Harbor/Haven:** Hilgers shared the following: introduced Renemma Walker as the New Life Enrichment contact; bus requests will now be handled through Walker for The Harbor/Haven; weekly COVID testing for all staff will continue; partnership with Walgreens for COVID boosters in November; The Harbor/Haven named the best senior living facility in Carver County; updated maintenance work on elevator and roof; AAL relicensure completed and focused on transparency; updates on lightning strikes in July; currently understaffed so administrator is working on the floors periodically
- b. Peace Village:** Williams shared that COVID boosters will be through Marsden Drug in November.
- c. Oak Grove:** Stolp shared the following: currently residents are not required to report if they have COVID; staff are waiting for appointments for COVID booster.

### ***Provide safe options for seniors to get around***

#### **5.2 City Bus Updates:**

**5.2.1 Shopping Trips** - scheduled for Tuesdays at 9 AM. Reservations through SMARTlink (Harbor/Haven/Peace Village do signups with one call from admin)

**5.2.2 "Out and About" Trips** - recommendation to check availability of sites and Any limitations before the planned trip (e.g., is the site open? Do they accept credit/debit or only cash?). Reservations through City Hall.

**5.2.3 Bus Trips to City Hall on Election Day - Tuesday, November 3rd**  
Round trip rotations from 1 to 3 PM. Reminder that early voting is open at Central Public Schools District Office from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

### ***Identify and promote education and social options for Seniors***

#### **5.3 NYA Senior Center:**

**5.3.1 St. John's Thrivent Grant Submission:** Application has been submitted and awaiting approval.



### **5.3.2 Lunch and Learn “Security and Scams” - October 20th**

Deputy Voigt did a 20 minute presentation on October 20th during the lunch break that was well received. Durbin suggested future topics to include dementia and social security options.

**5.3.3 Bus Service:** Hallquist shared request from Peace Village, the Harbor/Haven and Oak Grove to use the city bus for transportation to the Senior Center. Recommendation to time trips to be aware of lunch counts.

**5.4 Carver County Public Health:** Plummer shared the COVID boosters are now available through Carver County for health compromised individuals. A vaccine clinic is currently available in Carver County on Tuesdays from 2 to 4 PM. Strong focus at the county on free testing on Mondays from 2:00 to 6:00 PM, Wednesdays from 12:00 to 4:00 PM and Fridays from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (appointments preferred but walk-ins allowed). Carver County continues to recommend vaccinated individuals stay away from active COVID cases.

**5.5 Carver County Sheriff’s Department:** no report

**5.6 House maintenance assistant resources:** no report

## **6 Old Business**

**6.1 2022 Senior Advisory Commission Goals:** Hallquist recommended discussion be postponed until November.

**5.2 SHIP (Statewide Health Improvement Partnership) funds for benches:** Benches have been installed on the trail between Citizens State Bank and Unhinged Pizza. Staff will submit invoice to SHIP for reimbursement.

Hallquist shared new focus on Community of Belonging work. More information will be available in the months ahead.

**6.3 Senior Insert in City Newsletter:** Next insert will be December 2022

## **6. NYA Council Update**

Krueger shared updates on the following: city administrator position; carver county library board; bandshell; watertown removal; Stiftungsfest funds; public access to lakes in the community; trail lighting project; Oak Lane and 2nd Avenue street projects; phase 2



of Highway 212 expansion; snow removal guidelines.

**7. Adjournment**

*Motion by Williams, second by Durbin to adjourn at 10:21 AM. Motion passed 8-0.*

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hallquist, Economic Development/Marketing Director