



**SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION and PARTNERS**

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

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**COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Carolyn Durbin\*, LaVonne Kroells\*, Lois Schultz\*, Tom Simmons\*, Kay Hampshire\*, Cathleen Williams\*, Mary Spille\*, Elroy Latzig\*, Betty Settergren\*

**SENIOR HOUSING ADVISORS**

Ranemma Walker – The Haven, Laurie Hilgers – The Harbor, Brenda Schmitz – Peace Villa, Shannon Slavik – Oak Grove

**COMMUNITY/CITY REPRESENTATIVES**

Alan Krueger\*- City Council, Karen Hallquist – City Hall, Corp. Jordan Voigt –CC Sheriff Office, Dawn Plummer- CC Public Health  
(\* ) voting members

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1. Call meeting to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adopt agenda
4. Approve minutes from August 18, 2022

Guest Speaker – Laura Orr, Senior Attorney, Southern MN Regional Legal Services

5. Updates

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

- 5.1 Senior Residence Updates
  - a. Harbor / Haven
  - b. Peace Villa
  - c. Oak Grove

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

- 5.2 City Bus Update
    - 5.2.1 Shopping Trips
    - 5.2.2 “Out & About” Trips
- \* Thursday, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> – Luce Line Apple Orchard & Luce Line Bar/Grill (lunch) Watertown 9:30am-2pm

**Identify and promote education and social options for seniors -**

- 5.3 NYA Senior Center – next opening date is September 21, 2022 – what is needed?
- 5.3 Carver County Public Health
- 5.4 Carver County Sheriff's Department

6. New Business
7. Old Business
8. NYA City Council Update
9. Adjournment

Next Senior Advisory Meeting – Thursday, October 20, 2022 @ 9:00am @ City Hall

**Senior Advisory Commission**  
**August 18, 2022, 9am**  
**Minutes**

Commissioners In Attendance: Lois Schultz, Carolyn Durbin, Tom Simmons, Cathleen Williams, Mary Spille, Elroy Latzig, Alan Krueger  
Advisors in Attendance: Deputy Jordan Voigt, Dawn Plummer, Brenda Schmitz, Laurie Hilgers, Shannon Slavik  
City Staff: Karen Hallquist  
Others:

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**1. Call meeting to order**

Durbin called the meeting to order at 9am.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Adopt agenda**

*Motion: TS/AK to approve the agenda with Krueger's Council report at 4.a. passed 7-0.*

**4. Approve minutes from June 16, 2022**

*Motion: EL/CW to approve. Motion passed 7-0.*

**4a. Council report**

Krueger shared the following council updates:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave finishing construction
- Ribbon cutting at PUB
- Harbor retaining wall is being fixed soon
- Planning Commission looking at ground mounted solar systems
- Last Call got approval for outside sales during Stiftungsfest
- Carver Canines requested City Code amendment for kennels
- Alli B's Coffee Shop is open

**5. Updates**

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

**5.1 Senior Residence Updates**

**a. Harbor / Haven**

Hilgers shared the Harbor has 4 open (1 reserved) apartments, Haven 5 open (1 reserved), Reflections is full. There are multiple positions available including residence coordinator and CNA positions. They are still following CDA guidelines. Harbor/Haven is up for three categories in the Best of Carver County.

**b. Peace Villa**

Schmitz reported that their occupancy is full. They are also up for Best of Carver County. Construction has started. They are looking at going to a fob system.

**c. Oak Grove**

Slavik shared via email that there is a 1 plus den and a 2 plus den available. National Night Out luncheon event was a success with S&S Chicken from New Prague doing the catering at \$8/meal. They also donated 131 pounds of food to the food shelf. Slavik will have office hours on Tues/Thurs and remote hours on M/W/F. Slavik mentioned they are looking for speakers to bring in. Hallquist mentioned that Southern MN Regional Legal Services will have a speaker at the next Senior Advisory meeting in Sept. They have other programs to present as well.

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

**5.2 City Bus Update**

**5.2.1 Shopping Trips -**

Hallquist shared that the shopping trips continue go well. The 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday will be going to Hutchinson.

**5.2.2 "Out & About" Trips**

Hallquist reported the August trips were cancelled due to lack of participation.

- Thurs, Aug 25<sup>th</sup> - Stiftungsfest Family Fun Night (West Playground entrance on Central Ave) - 5pm pickup, leave park at 7pm\* ((\*Multiple trips can be made to and from IF NEEDED))
- Sat, Aug 27<sup>th</sup> - Stiftungsfest, Willkommen Park (West Playground entrance on Central Ave) - 11am pickup, leave park at 3pm\* ((\*Multiple trips can be made to and from IF NEEDED))
- Sun, Aug 28<sup>th</sup> - Stiftungsfest, Willkommen Park (West Playground entrance on Central Ave) - 11am pickup, leave park at 3pm\* ((\*Multiple trips can be made to and from IF NEEDED))
- Tues, Aug 30<sup>th</sup> - WILDCARD shopping trip to Hutchinson Walmart - 9am pickup - leave Hutch at 1pm

***Identify and promote education and social options for seniors -***

**5.3NYA Senior Center -**

Kroells needs additional help with organizing. Senior Center is open to all seniors from any community. The city bus will run on Senior Center days as well.

**5.3 Carver County Public Health**

Plummer shared that she has been helping at the food distributions within Carver County. She said Wright County is using SHIP funds to do a Falls Prevention referral program that she will investigate. Plummer shared that Trellis has programs for seniors and AARP has a new Home Fit Guide.

**5.4 Carver County Sheriff's Department**

Voigt reported that fraud/scams are back in the area. No one should give personal information via their phone or email. Carver County is cracking down on disturbed driving - there have been 21 fatalities since 2021 due to speed, DWI, and cellphones.

**6. New Business**

Hallquist shared the next food distribution is Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> as the weekend before is a holiday.

**7. Old Business**

**8. NYA City Council Update - moved to 4a.**

**9. Adjournment**

*Motion: TW/CW to adjourn at 9:45am. Motion passed 6-0.*

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Submitted by:

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Karen Hallquist, Community & Economic Development Director