



**SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
Agenda for January 16, 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 – The Haven, Laurie Hilgers – The Harbor, Brenda Schmitz – Peace Villa, Ryker Anderson– Oak Grove

**COMMUNITY/CITY REPRESENTATIVES**

City Council Representative – Connor Smith\*, 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

1. Call meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adopt Agenda
4. Approve minutes from November 21, 2024
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 City Bus Update
  - 6.2.1 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 after the Senior Advisory Meeting!

8. New Business

9. NYA City Council Update

10. Adjournment

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

January 21 <sup>st</sup>	Park and Recreation Commission Meeting	5:30 PM
January 27 <sup>th</sup>	City Council Workshop/Meeting	5:00 PM/6:00 PM
February 4 <sup>th</sup>	Planning Commission Meeting	6:00 PM
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	Economic Development Authority (EDA)	4:30 PM
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	City Council Meeting	6:00 PM
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	NYA Food Distribution	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sr. Advisory Commission Meeting	9:00 AM
February 18 <sup>th</sup>	Park and Recreation Commission Meeting	5:30 PM
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	City Council Workshop/Meeting	5:00 PM/6:00 PM

**Senior Advisory Commission**  
**November 21, 2024, 9am**  
**Minutes**

Commissioners In Attendance: Kay Hampshire, Betty Settergren, LaVonne Kroells, Darlene Smith-Lehrman, Tom Simmons, Rosemary Solheid, Colleen Pawelk, Eloise Swanson  
Absent: , Lois Schultz, Carolyn Durbin, Cathleen Williams, Elroy Latzig, Mike McPadden, Mary Spille,  
Community/City Representatives: City Council Representative - Mike McPadden, Karen Hallquist – City Hall

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1. Call meeting to Order
  - Kroells called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
  - All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Adopt Agenda

*Motion: TS/KH to approve the agenda. Motion passed 8-0.*
4. Approve minutes from October 17, 2024

*Motion: KH/BS to approve the minutes. Motion passed 8-0.*
5. Introductions, Presentations, and Public Comment – none
6. Updates
  - 6.1 Senior Residence Updates
    - 6.1.1 Harbor/Haven – 4 open, 1 reserved, Haven has 1 open, Memory Care has 1 open. Hiring for Resident Assistants for AM/PM, overnight, and on-call positions.
    - 6.1.2 Peace Villa—Occupancy is 100%.
    - 6.1.3 Oak Grove –Occupancy is 100%, with a waiting list of 50-60. They had their annual meeting.
  - 6.2 City Bus Update
    - 6.2.1 Transit Link Circulators started October 1, 2024 – Feedback from riders is that they would like to have help on and off the bus along with help loading the bags. St. John’s purchased the City Bus.
  - 6.3 NYA Senior Center – 35 people in attendance including new people. New games have been added. Moved the January events to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed because of how New Years Day falls. On December 18<sup>th</sup>, the Senior Center will be at Roy Clay building as there is a scheduling conflict at the pavilion.
  - 6.4 Carver County Public Health— Covid tests are coming from Carver County via the library. Interviews are in the works for the Program Specialist. Covid and flu vaccines are available on Tuesdays from 4-6pm at the Gov’t Center in Chaska on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - 6.5 Carver County Sheriff’s Department - none
  - 6.6 NYA Fire Department - none
  - 6.7 Carver County—NYA Library—Laurel Bradshaw and Paul Ericcson are both retiring in January.
7. Old Business
  - a. 2025 Proposed Goals – The following goals were added or commented on:
    - 2.b – added Carver County Veteran’s Services and Waters Edge Transportation
    - MediaCom is the only NYATV cable access channel. MetroNet dropped this service.
    - Add to 3h. to Organize a Senior Dance at Central Schools in the spring and a senior dance in the fall at the pavilion.

- Add to 3j. to provide the Willkommen New Resident packets to Oak Grove and Peace Villa to give to renters, which also has information about the Senior Center and Senior Resources.
- b. Spring Dance – May 4, 2025 – the DJ is booked. Committee will meet after the beginning of 2025.

8. **New Business**

9. NYA City Council Update – none

10. Adjournment - Motion: KH/BS to adjourn at 10:02am. Motion passed 8-0.

Next Senior Advisory Meeting—The Next meeting is Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall.

Submitted by:

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Karen Hallquist, Community & Economic Development Director