



**SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
Agenda for April 17, 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\*, 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 March 20, 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 – Welcome, Margot Barry!

**7. Old Business**

7.1 "Golden" Spring Fling Dance – May 4, 2025, Committee: Colleen Pawelk, Mary Spille, LaVonne Kroells, Rosemary Solheid, Elroy Latzig – Tickets on sale!!

**8. New Business**

8.1 MoveMindfully at Peace Villa – date TBD

8.2 Carver County Parks

8.2.1 Lunch & Learn – Nordic Walking at Prairie Dawn Park

8.3 Columbarium Project

8.4 Hwy 212 Farmers Market

**9. NYA City Council Update**

**10. Adjournment – Next Meeting May 15, 2025 9am**

May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Planning Commission Meeting	6:00 PM
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Economic Development Authority (EDA)	4:30 PM
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	City Council Meeting	6:00 PM
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	NYA Food Distribution	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sr. Advisory Commission Meeting	9:00 AM
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Park and Recreation Commission Meeting	5:30 PM
May 27 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	City Council Workshop/Meeting	5:00 PM/6:00 PM

**Senior Advisory Commission**  
**March 20, 2025, 9am**  
**Minutes**

Commissioners In Attendance: Kay Hampshire, Betty Settergren, LaVonne Kroells, Tom Simmons, Rosemary Solheid, Colleen Pawelk, Carolyn Durbin, Cathleen Williams, Elroy Latzig, Mary Spille  
Absent: Eloise Swanson, Darlene Smith-Lehrman  
Community/City Representatives: City Council Representative – Brooke Allen, Karen Hallquist – City Hall, Brenda Schmitz – Peace Villa, Kara Cassidy – CCPH,

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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: CW/CD to adopt the agenda. Motion passed 10-0.*
4. Approve minutes from February 20, 2025

*Motion: KH/BS to approve the minutes. Motion passed 10-0.*
5. Introductions, Presentations, and Public Comment
6. Updates
  - 6.1 Senior Residence Updates
    - 6.1.1 Harbor/Haven – 3 open, 2 reserved, Haven has 1 open, Memory Care is full. Hiring for Resident Assistants for AM/PM, overnight, and on-call positions.
    - 6.1.2 Peace Villa—Occupancy is 100%, with a waiting list of about 18 months. Williams commented that there is a lot of turnovers. Simmons commented that the “feeder program” of independent living to assisted living is working.
    - 6.1.3 Oak Grove – One bed/one den apartment open.
  - 6.2 Transit Link Circulators – Hallquist shared from Alan Herrmann that the bus program is being used with an average of 5 bus riders per week. Volunteers to help with bags and entrance/exit of the bus are not allowed due to liability. Cassidy mentioned that SW Prime may have some sort of program that does this.
  - 6.3 NYA Senior Center – 30 people
  - 6.4 Carver County Public Health— Cassidy shared that the next All-Commission Conference will be on Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 1pm at the MN Arboretum. She has started to send out monthly all-county commission summary updates. It was suggested to her to send them to the County Commissioners. Covid, Norovirus, and flu numbers are decreasing throughout the community.
  - 6.5 Carver County Sheriff's Department - none
  - 6.6 NYA Fire Department – Spille requested a thank you in the next newsletter to the fire department for their recent pizza/battery delivery event.
  - 6.7 Carver County—NYA Library—Simmons shared that the new Carver County Library Manager is Margot Barry. There is a book sale this week in NYA and the next one will be June 14<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with Springfest. The Chanhassen Library is hosting a Craft Supply Swap. Drop off of crafts is May 9-16, pick up is May 17<sup>th</sup>.
7. Old Business

7.1 “Golden” Spring Fing Dance – May 4, 2025—the DJ is booked. The committee will meet after the regular meeting. Tickets to go on sale soon.

8. New Business

8.1 MoveMindfully – no news.

8.2 Raider Field House hours – Dedicated walking hours are in the works; however, citizens can walk at any time with other non-school events going on.

8.3 Carver County Parks – Nordic Walking at Prairie Dawn Park – Cassidy is working with CCParks to do this.

9. NYA City Council Update – Hallquist shared additional park projects going on just as disc golf, dog park and tennis court rehabilitation project.

10. Adjournment - Motion: CW/KH to adjourn at 9:49am. Motion passed 10-0.

Next Senior Advisory Meeting—The Next meeting is Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall.

Submitted by:

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Karen Hallquist, Community & Economic Development Director