



Senior Center Commission Agenda
Thursday, August 20, 2020
Electronic Meeting - 4 PM
ZOOM MEETING PLATFORM

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1. **Introductions/Welcome**—*S. Finlayson*
2. **Minutes (July 16, 2020)**
3. **Public Discussion for items not on the agenda**
4. **Operational Overview**—*Staff*
 - ❖ **Senior Center operations update**

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5. **Commission Discussion— *S. Finlayson***
 - ❖ **Future Agenda Items**
6. **Adjourn**

****Next meeting is Thursday, September 17 at 4 PM ****

Meeting Packet Contents:

1. Agenda: Thursday, August 20, 2020
2. Minutes: Senior Center Commission, Thursday, July 16, 2020
3. Letter from Senior Center Commission to Senior Center staff

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MINUTES
SENIOR CENTER COMMISSION
July 16, 2020
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Members Present: Lorraine Dorfman, Scott Finlayson, Zach Goldsmith, George Nelson, Linda Vogel, Paula Vaughan

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: LaTasha DeLoach, Kristin Kromray

Others Present: None

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CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Finlayson at 4:10 PM.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL:

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 21, 2020 MEETING:

Motion: To accept the minutes from the May 21, 2020 meeting. Motion carried on a vote of 5/0. Dorfman/Vogel

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

None.

OPERATIONAL OVERVIEW:

DeLoach reported the Senior Center building remains closed. Staff continue to work in the building and remotely. Programming is currently being scheduled a month at a time. Staff continues to create new online programming that continues to become more robust.

Nelson questioned if the HVAC system is safe. DeLoach reported the HVAC system is fairly new and a UV filter was installed in one of the air handlers last year. She noted the windows in the building are not safe to open due to their age and design.

Goldsmith joined the meeting.

DeLoach reported the University of Iowa Public Policy has completed the survey report. She highlighted some of the most important themes in the results. They include: the importance of robust fitness offerings, interest in intergenerational programs, the importance of using online resources to market the Senior Center, and interest in alternative transportation options to get to the Senior Center.

DeLoach reported the contract with the consultants who are doing the assessment on the Senior Center building (including HVAC, ADA compliance, kitchen and interior design plans and building exterior updates) was finalized. The consultants have started the process of gathering information and have been in and around the building.

Vaughn asked if information regarding absentee ballots from the League of Woman voters could be sent out in a Senior Center email. DeLoach said that would be fine.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Finlayson requested items to put on the next meeting agenda. Commissioners would like to add:

- Consultant report update
- League of Women voters and absentee ballot information
- Masks in the community

Motion: To Adjourn. Motion carried on a vote of 6/0. Vogel/Vaughn

Senior Center Commission Attendance Record

Name	Term Expires	8/14/19	9/19/19	10/17/19	11/21/19	12/19/19	1/16/20	2/20/20	3/19/20	4/16/20	5/22/20	6/18/20	7/16/20
Kenn Bowen	12/31/19	X	NM	NM	NM	X	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Cheryll Clamon	12/31/19	X	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Lorraine Dorfman	12/31/21	X	NM	NM	NM	X	X	X	NM	X	X	NM	X
Robert (Scott) Finlayson	12/31/20	X	NM	NM	NM	X	X	X	NM	X	X	NM	X
Zach Goldsmith	12/31/21	X	NM	NM	NM	X	X	X	NM	X	X	NM	X
Angela McConville	12/31/21	X	NM	NM	NM	X	X	X	NM	X	X	NM	O/E
George Nelson	12/31/22	--	--	--	--	--	X	X	NM	X	X	NM	X
Paula Vaughan	12/31/22	--	--	--	--	--	O/E	X	NM	X	X	NM	X
Linda Vogel	12/31/20	--	--	--	--	--	X	X	NM	X	X	NM	X
Hiram (Rick) Webber	12/31/19	O/E	NM	NM	NM	O/E	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Key: X = Present
O = Absent
O/E = Absent/Excused
NM = No meeting
-- = Not a member



Senior Center Commission

Lorraine T Dorfman
Robert Finlayson
Zachary Goldsmith
Angela McConville
George Nelson
Paula Vaughan
Linda Vogel

August 20, 2020

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

To the Staff of the Iowa City Senior Center,

Every year our families, friends and coworkers face the ups and downs that accompany moving forward in this thing we call life. Some years, one extraordinary event affects our community as a whole. We are reminded of the tornado of 2006 which ripped through the heart of Iowa City or the flood of 2008 when the Iowa River cut Iowa City in two. Over the course of the past year, our community has worked its way through multiple historic challenges as varied in nature as in difficulty to address. Persistent community-wide issues have come at us all with such frequency, severity and breadth that we can not help but wonder what new, unexpected challenge must we rise to meet as we greet the new day sun. However, we are all, each of us, an important part of what makes Iowa City such a caring and resilient community. As we have risen from the rubble of a tornado and as we bridged the damage caused from the flood to make Iowa City an even stronger community so shall we rise to meet the challenges of today.

It is in this spirit that this Letter of Appreciation is written and delivered from the Commissioners of the Senior Center to its hard-working and persistently courageous staff. As the signs say around town, you are heroes! Your continued commitment to providing care-filled and quality services to the members of The Center has not gone unnoticed. We applaud all you do every day for our community with whole-hearted vigor! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The day will come where we finally make our way through the multitude of new events hitting our community and come out on the other side to whatever the "new normal" may be. When that day comes, we look forward to seeing each and every one of you on the other side. We look forward to the honor of shaking your hands in respect, admiration and gratitude. May we all have the chance to smile and greet each other free from the trials of the present day someday soon.

With admiration and respect,

Senior Center Commission.