



ALBERT LEA SENIOR CENTER
ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 13, 2025, 12:00pm
Senior Center

Members Present: Dick Mucha, Doran Gray, Marlys Steele, Rosemary Bloomquist and Sharon Gardner

Members Absent: Stephanie Harmon and Rachel Christensen, Ex-Officio

YMCA Staff in Attendance: Senior Center Program Coordinator Emelia Gaudian

YMCA Staff Absent: Senior Director of Programs Brandy Schewe

City Staff in Attendance: Administrative Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Karla Tukua, Recreation Manager Bob Furland arrived at 12:11pm.

City Staff Absent: Community Engagement and Enrichment Director Cathy Malakowsky

Additional Staff Present: Deputy Fire Chief Bart Berven

Call to Order:

Chair Dick Mucha called the meeting to order at 12:05pm and Karla Tukua took roll call.

Adopt Agenda:

Doran Gray made the motion to adopt the agenda for today's meeting and Dick Mucha seconded the motion. The board voted in favor of said motion 5-0 (Stephanie Harmon was absent). Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes:

Dick Mucha made motion to approve the minutes for July 09, 2025 and Doran Gray seconded the motion. The board voted in favor of said motion 5-0 (Stephanie Harmon was absent). Motion carried.

Old Business –

New Business –

Emelia let board know there is a new computer in the billiards room. Bob brought the computer in and Bart worked with the individual who set it up. Any member can use the computer and there's a printer available, if they needed to print anything.

Events and Activities update: Emilia Gaudian

- July update, there are 283 members, with 868 visits in July by 167 different individuals.
- July Coffee with a Cop was held, there were two (2) memory care events.
- 27 members went on a Four Daughters wine trip and they had really good feedback about the trip.
- Celebrated July birthdays
- Event with Oak Park Place, they brought lunch and a snack for after bingo.
- Only 1 rental in July

- Art with Emelia
- 34 members went to Chanhassen, Emelia called half of them back and feedback was good.

Upcoming Events –

- Oak Park Place will come and do lunch again on Monday, 8/18, and have sherbet for after bingo.
- Summer BBQ coming up on August 25th, and Emelia just had 10 people sign up today, close to 50 sign ups so far.
- Art with Emelia will do an outing to Waseca on August 27th and they will go to a craft show while there.

Update from Bart –

- Bart mentioned that he's excited about the RFP going out and would like to see up to 10 proposals sent in, to give the City a variety to choose from.
- Fire is working with St. John's to expand the reassurance program they have with the City. They'd like to expand it into the County, working through the connected communities grant. Working with Age Friendly Freeborn County and with St. John's to facilitate this.
- Fire is hosting an Age-Friendly meeting at the Fire Station August 7th or 28th, they've invited organizations to come in and talk about options and programs in Freeborn County. Jean Eaton will be the mediator of the meeting.
- He advocates for individuals that may have some extra care needs. One gentleman they were able to get a chair lift for, another they got a therapist to do additional care at home. Fire has worked with the VA Hospital for any seniors that need assistance.
- Bob asked how the reassurance program works, Bart explained the process. Stating anyone on the program calls in by 11:00am each day. If Fire doesn't hear from them, then Fire calls the individual, their emergency contact and if still not heard from, Fire will go to the individuals residence to check on them.

Emelia had one more item from Brandy, she mentioned that if there is no agenda items for the Senior Board meetings in any given month, there would be no meeting for that month.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:26pm. Motion to adjourn was made by Dick Mucha and seconded by Sharon Gardner. All members voted in favor of said motion (5-0) Stephanie Harmon was absent.

Respectfully submitted,


 Karla Tukua
 Senior Center Advisory Board Secretary

Approved:


 Dick Mucha
 Senior Center Advisory Board Chair