



ALBERT LEA SENIOR CENTER
ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 12:00pm
Senior Center

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alice Hanson, Linda Stenseth, Doran Gray, Marlys Steele, Michelle Jardine, Sharon Gardner and Rosemary Bloomquist.

YMCA STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Senior Center Program Coordinator Sarah Chavarria

YMCA STAFF ABSENT: Senior Director of Programs Brandy Schewe

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Community Engagement and Enrichment Director Cathy Malakowsky, and Administrative Assistant/Deputy City Clerk Karla Tukua

ABSENT: Councilor Rachel Christensen

CALL TO ORDER:

Hanson called the meeting to order at 12:02pm

ADOPT AGENDA:

Jardine made motion to adopt the agenda for today's meeting and Stenseth seconded the motion. The board voted in favor of said motion 7-0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Gray made motion to approve the minutes for April 8, 2026 and Steele seconded the motion. The board voted in favor of said motion 7-0. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Update on facility location 2027 – Cathy

- 2 representatives from Wold Architects and Engineers walked through the Jim & Dudes location and took photos of the space allocated for the proposed Senior Center. After review of the Jim and Dudes location, they walked through the current location to get ideas for the new location. The firm presented 3 scenarios for the new location, which would include a total of 5 bathrooms. This will be shared with Senior Board members once dimensions are added to the layouts.
- Malakowsky said there will need to be a special board meeting for the Senior Center Board to approve which scenario they would like to go with. After board approval, there would be a meeting to present the chosen plan to the Senior Center members.
- Once approved scenario is chosen, then next step is to get the preliminary design approval from the city council.

- Steele asked Chavarria if she has added the Church Basement Ladies to the activity calendar. Chavarria has not yet, but has it planned for the next quarter.
- Hanson spoke about having an Art Project time for the Senior Center. She has contacted a couple ladies and one had called her back. The individual would be willing to do an art project and Monday's work good for her. Hanson said they will discuss more details and coordinate what works best.
- Chavarria said she started a contact list for the Art Classes.

UPDATES/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS – No updates.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

- Jardine – questioned about fundraising ideas to which Malakowsky asked members to think of ideas and bring back to their next meeting.
- Bloomquist gave an update on the increased cost of bingo cards from .15 cents to .20 cents. She said it's been well received and funding has improved.
- Bloomquist brought up the BINGO rules for review. Noting that some members will call a late bingo, once another game is being started. After discussion it was decided the caller will say, "Does anyone have a bingo". After saying this 3 times, the caller will say "game is over, we're starting a new game". This should clear up any confusion of when a new game is being started.
- **Special Board meeting to look at proposed concepts, after discussion it was decided to meet at Jim & Dudes on June 3rd, Weds. at 11:00pm.**

ADJOURNMENT – 12:39pm

Respectfully submitted,



Karla Tukua
Senior Center Board Secretary

Approved:



Alice Hanson
Senior Center Board Chair