



ALBERT LEA SENIOR CENTER
ADVISORY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 3, 2026 12:00pm
Senior Center

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sharon Gardner

Alice Hanson left at 12:30pm.

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 11:06 A.M.

REVIEW NEW SENIOR CENTER FLOOR PLAN AND TOUR FACILITY:

- Malakowsky passed out the floor plan design of the new proposed space for the Senior Center at the Jim & Dudes location along with the square footage of the current location and square footage of the new location.
- The intention today is to share the concept of the new space and to walk the location based on the floor plan design.
- Malakowsky reviewed the floor plan with board members, space by space, and answered their questions as she went through the plan.
- Entrance to the Senior Center will be a shared vestibule with Granny's Legacy.
- There was discussion regarding open hours for the center to allow individuals age 55yrs to 65 yrs. who are currently working to be able to use the facility. Currently hours open are Monday through Thursday - 8:30am – 4:00pm, Friday 8:30am to 12:00pm and closed on Saturday and Sunday. Chavarria stated there has been discussion on the possibility of having some days where they are open at night. There was a suggestion of possibly having some volunteer staffing.
- After reviewing the architects plan, Jeremy with Jim and Dudes took board members on a tour of the space for the Senior Center.

- Suggestions brought up after reviewing plans and walking the space.
 - Have space for members to hang up their coats
 - May need space from the multi-purpose room or the telehealth room to add to the billiard room to allow space for chairs.
 - In covering the information for the multi-purpose room, Hanson said there would need to be a small sink and enough outlets for craft projects and quilting.
 - Add room dividers/screens, for large group room for different activities.
 - Look at possibility of having 2 bathrooms up front and 2 bathrooms at the back of the space.
 - Question regarding space for walking, suggestion to possibly walk the perimeter of the large group room, walk outside or at the YMCA.
- Malakowsky stated she will go back to the architects with the following suggestions –
 - Add space for a small sink in the multi-purpose room and extend the storage area to include the back corner space.
 - Take space from the large group room to move the kitchen back and add one of the restrooms from the back to the front. There would then be 2 restrooms up front and two at the back of the space. All restrooms will be handicapped accessible.
 - Move the tele-health room to a portion of the sub-lobby space and extend the billiard room space.

ADJOURNMENT – 12:39pm

Respectfully submitted,



Karla Tukua
Senior Center Board Secretary

Approved:



Alice Hanson
Senior Center Board Chair