

**AGENDA
NEENAH COMMITTEE ON AGING
Thursday, September 19, 2019
9:15 a.m.**

**Carpenter Room, Neenah Public Library
240 E. Wisconsin Avenue**

1. Public Appearances. (Ten minutes divided among those wishing to speak on topics pertinent to the Committee on Aging.)
2. Approve minutes of the April 17, May 16, June 20, and July 18 meetings.
3. Discussion of UW-O Learning in Retirement.
4. Announcements and future agenda items.

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If special accommodations are needed please contact the
Department of Community Development Office
at 886-6125 at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.**

MINUTES OF THE NEENAH COMMITTEE ON AGING

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Present: Chair Pat Lowney and committee members Susan Antonneau, Joshua Kutney, and Kevin Myska. **Excused:** Sandy Miller and Bob Suess. **Also Present:** Assistant Planner Carol Kasimor.

No public appearances.

Approval of minutes of December 20, 2018, February 21, 2019, and March 21, 2019 meetings:

MSC Antonneau, Myska, minutes were approved as distributed.

Discussion of 2019 School for Seniors:

2018 attendees are being called by Lakeland University staff with information on this year's event. Committee members discussed distribution of information and posters. Hope Kutney is donating funds for refreshments.

Committee members reviewed rooms for registration and class sessions.

Announcements and future agenda items:

Planning for School for Seniors.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Kasimor, Assistant Planner

MINUTES OF THE NEENAH COMMITTEE ON AGING
Thursday, May 16, 2019
9:00 a.m.

Present: Committee member Susan Antonneau. **Excused:** Joshua Kutney, Pat Lowney, Sandy Miller, Kevin Myska, and Bob Suess. **Also Present:** Assistant Planner Carol Kasimor, Active Older Adult Director Cheryl Richard, Alderman Marge Bates, and Lori Duclon, Winnebago County Health Department.

A quorum was not present, no action was taken.

No public appearances.

Discussion of 2019 School for Seniors:

Those in attendance set up the meeting and classroom spaces for the workshop to be held the next day.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Kasimor, Assistant Planner

MINUTES OF THE NEENAH COMMITTEE ON AGING
Thursday, June 20, 2019
9:00 a.m.

Present: Vice Chair Joshua Kutney and committee member Bob Sues. **Excused:** Susan Antonneau, Pat Lowney, Sandy Miller, and Kevin Myska. **Also Present:** Assistant Planner Carol Kasimor, Active Older Adult Director Cheryl Richard, Alderman Marge Bates, and Lori Duclon, Winnebago County Health Department.

A quorum was not present, no action was taken.

Public Appearances:

Alderman Bates noted that the splash pad at Washington Park was under construction, and that the five-year Capital Improvements plan was approved.

Review evaluations of 2019 School for Seniors:

Vice-Chair Joshua Kutney reviewed evaluations from 44 attendees, from a total of 80 in attendance. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being excellent, the quality of presentations scored 4.80, the location was rated 4.86, and comfort was rated 4.76. Many topic suggestions were received, as well as ideas for improving the event. Attendees also described issues that concerned seniors and what was working for seniors in the area. An attendee suggested a motivational speaker at the conference.

It was suggested that a public address system be obtained for future events.

In order to further publicize School for Seniors, it was suggested that committee members or staff meet with a Post-Crescent reporter, as well as invite them to the event. The Menasha Senior Center newsletter mailing list will be utilized to send information on future events. Committee members suggested that an incentive be given when an attendee brings a new attendee. Publicizing the event at housing centers outside of Neenah will also be pursued to reach others interested as well as former Neenah residents.

Review older adult transportation options: This discussion will be held at the next meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Kasimor, Assistant Planner

MINUTES OF THE NEENAH COMMITTEE ON AGING
Thursday, July 18, 2019
9:00 a.m.

Present: Chair Pat Lowney and committee members Kevin Myska and Bob Suess. **Excused:** Susan Antonneau, Joshua Kutney, and Sandy Miller. **Also Present:** Alderman Marge Bates, Lori Duclon, Winnebago County Health Department, Assistant Planner Carol Kasimor, and Active Older Adult Director Cheryl Richard.

A quorum was not present, no action was taken.

Public Appearances:

Lori Duclon and Cheryl Richard reviewed upcoming classes and opportunities through the Y/Menasha Senior Center and the Winnebago County Health Department.

Alderman Bates noted that Neenah Parks and Recreation Department will be opening some of the new Washington Park facilities in early August, with a grand re-opening on Saturday, September 14.

Review older adult transportation options:

Committee members discussed transportation programs for seniors in the area, including the impact of the aging population demographic, how multiple municipal jurisdictions complicate the transportation system, and increasing the number of people who use public transportation by choice.

Announcements and future agenda items:

Chair Pat Lowney noted that the committee may want to discuss the UW-O program Learning in Retirement for possible collaborations.

Discussion will take place at a future meeting regarding hearing loop/t-coil systems in City Hall.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Kasimor, Assistant Planner

Dear City of Neenah Committee on Aging Members:

Thank you for your interest in Learning in Retirement (LIR). Learning in Retirement (LIR) is a member-directed learning group affiliated with the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh's Continuing Education. LIR promotes lifelong learning through a variety of stimulating opportunities. Members choose topics or subjects, take the lead in organizing classes, discussion groups, & tours and participate in peer teaching and learning. There are classes and learning, but no tests or grades!

Membership entitles participants to unlimited courses (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020):

- Learning sessions led by experts in their fields;
- Member-led interest/study groups;
- Member taught learning sessions;
- Tours of local business and industry; and
- The ability to take part in on/off-campus performances, museums, and gardens.

With over 100 sessions per year that is less than a \$1/session!

New this academic year is LIR's expansion to the Fox Cities. With the merging of the UW four-year universities with the colleges, it is a natural extension of our programming to beginning offering LIR at UWO Fox Cities. LIR has always had members from throughout the Fox Valley and now we will be able to serve a greater number of people by bringing that programming to the Valley. Beginning in the Spring Semester of 2020, LIR will be offering programming at UWO Fox Cities as well and other locations throughout the Fox Valley.

To see LIR's full course offerings, we encourage you to review our current course catalog online at www.uwosh.edu/lir. You may follow LIR by "liking" our Facebook page at facebook.com/lir.uwo.

A quote from an LIR member says it all:

I joined LIR four years ago and have really enjoyed participating in its many programs. I also decided to accept the position of Treasurer for the group, as I felt I had the skills to handle the requirements. Recently, I've started coordinating bus tours for the group. For me, LIR started out being a "bridge" between my working life and retirement but now I realize that it's something that is good for me and that I'm helping the group to maintain our beneficial program for all our members. -----Don Ellingson

If you are looking for something to keep yourself sharp, active and involved --- Learning in Retirement is for you!

Warm Regards,



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