

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

Senior Outreach Services Committee Minutes

Wednesday, June 15, 2022 - 8:30 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.

Mike Flaherty called the meeting of the McFarland Village Senior Outreach Services Committee to order at 8:30 am in the Community Room of the McFarland Municipal Center and via zoom.

Members present: Carolyn Clow, Colleen McCormick, Jerry Adrian, Diane Mikelbank, Barb Vander Werff, Michael Flaherty

Members not present: Amy Johnson, Leilani Amundson

Staff present: Lori Andersen, Dawn Wallace

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

There were no public appearances.

- a. *This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Senior Outreach Services Committee. Please remember this is a virtual meeting conducted through the Zoom online meeting platform. Zoom meeting attendees wishing to address the Committee may do so using the Question and Answer feature within the Zoom online meeting platform. You may state your name, address, and provide your comments to the Committee for their consideration. Members of the public who are present in person and wish to address the Committee should fill out a public comment form and turn into the meeting chairperson. Members of the public may speak during public appearances or during their selected agenda item as they designate on the public comment form. Please adhere to the 3-minute time limit. Additionally, you may send your public comments to senior.outreach@mcfarland.wi.us to be included as part of the meeting.*

3. BUSINESS.

- a. *Discussion with Consultants to provide input regarding the McFarland Municipal Center Campus Master Plan project.*

Nate Day, of the consulting firm SEH, and Andy Lyons, Engagement Specialist of EUA, along with Paul Raisleger, Architect, of EUA, joined the meeting via zoom to discuss the future Community and Senior center. The following ideas were discussed:

Community Center Ideas:

Kitchens: Lori Andersen noted that it is expected that Dane County will mandate nutrition program sites to upgrade to commercial kitchens in the next couple of years. She will find out what the exact requirements will be as this project moves forward. A commercial kitchen could be used for community events, cooking classes, and rented out for a fee for weddings, etc. as long as there is separate designated storage for the nutrition program. Some of the committee members like the idea of one large kitchen and keeping the other smaller ones. One designated as a coffee area may be a nice meeting place for community members.

Space for large events: Mike Flaherty brought up the idea of the current fire bay being used in the future for large meetings, weddings, etc.

Community Recreation Programs: Currently, programs are coordinated through the school district (which are predominately sports-related). This will most likely remain with the school district, but there is a gap in programs that could be offered for adults. Barb Vanderwerff noted that we would like to expand on all types of programs and classes for adults.

Outdoor areas: A second story with rooftop garden was discussed along with the development of the space between the library and the municipal center to give it a more "campus" feel and to allow for safer foot traffic between the buildings.

All ages spaces: Diane Mikelbank explained that the Monona Community Center has some shared spaces but also designated spaces for different age groups which offers excellent intergenerational opportunities.

Accessibility: Universal design should be used throughout the building so that it is accessible to all community members.

Senior Center Ideas:

Meal program: the current police bays could potentially be used for Meals on Wheels drivers to pick up and drop off which would provide cover in bad weather.

Loan Closet: designated space is needed for loan closet equipment as well as a space to clean the equipment when it comes back. Senior Outreach has expanded loan items to people under 60, and has had to store "overflow" equipment off-site at the VFW building.

Parking: a separate entrance at the back of the building may benefit our area seniors, especially those with disabilities, etc.

Social and wellness programs: Designated space is needed for programming that McFarland residents are currently attending in other towns.

Medical services center: space is needed to provide services such as a foot clinic, blood pressure checks, telehealth appointments (with a stable connection), etc.

Staff needs: Additional space is needed for a reception area, conference rooms for private meetings with families, volunteer management (storage of personal things, gathering space, etc.), and additional offices for staff members.

Next Steps:

Andy Lyons explained the next steps in this process:

They will sort out what programs and services are expected to continue with the library and what will transition to the new community/senior center. There are several in-person engagement sessions with the public scheduled to take place over the next few weeks. An online survey is also currently in the field and the data will be compiled by mid-July.

This information will help the architect in the planning of space needs. The overall space-needs plan will then go to the Village Board.

4. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

a. Next regular meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2022

5. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Village President Carolyn Clow, second by Village Trustee Michael Flaherty, to adjourn at 9:55 a.m.

Pursuant to law, written notice of this meeting was given to the public and posted on the public bulletin boards in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Wallace
Nutrition Manager