

**City of Minneapolis**  
**Senior Citizen Advisory Committee**  
January 13, 2011  
Minutes

Terry Diebold opened the meeting at 1:05p.m. in room 333 City Hall.  
Committee has quorum with 13 of its 22 members present.

**Present**

Lisa Abicht-Swensen, Mary Ann Blade, Frank Broderick, Allen Brookins-Brown, Terry Diebold, Rosemarie "Sully" Gilbert, Elana Gravitz, Jeanne Hanson, Fay Harrison, Marci Holley Bartlett, Marilyn Holm, Georgia Marinkov-Omorean, Roland Minda, Ray Olson, Patrick Rowan

**MDHFS Staff**

Ruth Kildow, Becky McIntosh, Hattie Wiysel

**NCR Staff**

Billie Imhoede, Ahmed Muhumud

**Absent**

Jean Greener, Dr. Lawrence Kerzner

**Excused Absence**

James Adams, Rita Deyo, Thomas Leavey, Joanne Lees, Herb Nelson, Dorothy Robinson

**Minutes and Agenda**

Allen Brookins-Brown moved to accept the January 11, 2011 agenda, Ray Olson seconded the motion, all approved and the motion was carried. Allen Brookins-Brown moved to accept the December 2010 minutes, Marilyn Holm seconded the motion, all approved and the motion was carried.

**Committee Chair Elections**

The nominating committee nominated Patrick Rowan for Chair and Marci Holley Bartlett for Vice Chair. The committee unanimously approved the nominations and unanimously voted to elect Patrick Rowan for Chair and Marci Holley Bartlett for Vice Chair.

**City's Senior Strategy Report**

Ahmed Muhumud and Billie Imhoede from the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department (NCR) are convening a panel of City staff to discuss planning strategy for the senior population in Minneapolis. They are in the information gathering phase of the project. They are researching what has been successful in other cities, what is the state of seniors in Minneapolis, where do they live and other demographics. They are looking for factors that influence senior's decision to move outside of Minneapolis.

**Action:** They are hoping to have their initial information gathering completed in May or June of this year and will report back to this committee when there is something to share.

**Committee Reports**

Health

- Mary Ann Blade's retirement party is scheduled for January 28. Mary Ann expressed her devotion to the Senior Advisory Committee and will miss the committee's work.
- MVNA will be expanding by adding the Longfellow/Seward Block Nurse Program.

Senior Ombudsman – Ruth Kildow

- Gary Van Winkle has resigned from the Committee due to other commitments. Ruth is recruiting at St. Thomas Legal Dept. and Hennepin County Bar Association for representation for the committee.
- Discussion on the process for approving reinstatement applications from members.  
**Action:** Ruth will check to see if the committee's bylaws are a part of council resolution – if so; the change would have to be approved by council.
- Ruth has been inundated with calls for snow removal in Minneapolis.

**City Budget**

Terry Diebold sent letter to Council Member Tuthill regarding the City budget. Becky McIntosh reported that the City Council approved the 2011 budget with minor reductions to the Health Department. If there are further cuts to the 2011 budget the plan allows for contingency plans.

**Action:** Committee will review the Department's budget and discuss at next meeting.

**Old/New Business**

1. **Action:** Allen Brookins-Brown would like to discuss the City's policy on traffic light systems and automatic traffic violations at next month's meeting.
2. Reminder that the Older American's Act is up for reauthorization.

**Next Meeting**

February 10, 2011, 1:00-2:30 pm, 333 City Hall

Minutes submitted by Hattie Wiysel and reviewed by Patrick Rowan, Marci Holley Bartlett and Ruth Kildow.