

OLDER PERSONS' COMMISSION JUNE 26, 2025

MEETING of the **OLDER PERSONS' COMMISSION** held at the OPC Social & Activity Center, 650 Letica Drive, Rochester, Oakland County, Michigan 48307.

CALL TO ORDER

The Thursday, June 26, 2025, Governing Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Walker at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 8) Stuart Bikson, Robin Buxar, Thomas Del Pup, Al Fisk, Carol Morlan, Micheline Sommers, Tracy Thompson, David Walker

Absent: 0)

QUORUM PRESENT

Others Present: Renee Cortright, Older Persons' Commission Executive Director
Mandy Mullins, Older Persons' Commission Deputy Director

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

MOTION by Sommers, seconded by Del Pup, **Resolved**, to approve the Agenda as presented.

Aye: 8) Bikson, Buxar, Del Pup, Fisk, Morlan, Sommers, Thompson, Walker

Nay: 0)

Absent: 0)

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Walker called for public comments for items not on the agenda. Two members commented on the importance of social involvement, the value of the Café, and concerns that classes fill immediately upon registration.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 5, 2025, REGULAR MEETING

MOTION by Morlan, seconded by Buxar, **Resolved**, to approve the Minutes of the June 5, 2025, meeting, as presented.

Aye: 8) Bikson, Buxar, Del Pup, Fisk, Morlan, Sommers, Thompson, Walker

Nay: 0)

Absent: 0)

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing and Adoption of the FY 2026 – 2028 Executive Director's Recommended Budget

Chairman Walker opened the Public Hearing at 5:10 p.m. and called for public comments on the agenda item.

Twelve members commented on the proposed relocation of the Café and its conversion to a fitness room as part of the 2026 - 2036 Capital Improvement Plan (General Fund) in the recommended budget. Comments included the Café's current location near the gardens, its importance for socialization, the cost of the project, opposition to repurposing the gift shop and concern about a shift towards fitness and pickleball.

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Chairman Walker closed the Public Hearing at 5:42 p.m.

MOTION by Del Pup, to approve the FY 2026 – 2028 Executive Director's Recommended Budget as presented. The motion did not receive a second and therefore was not considered.

MOTION by Buxar, seconded by Del Pup, **Resolved**, to approve the FY 2026–2028 Executive Director's Recommended Budget, removing from the 2026 – 2036 Capital Improvement Plan (General Fund) the following line items: 'Relocate Café to Upper Level' (\$100,000) and 'Convert Café Space to Group Fitness Room' (\$300,000), as amended.

Aye: 8) Bikson, Buxar, Del Pup, Fisk, Morlan, Sommers, Thompson, Walker

Nay: 0)

Absent: 0)

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion on Resident vs. Nonresident Memberships

Chairman Walker called for public comment on the agenda item. Four members expressed concerns regarding class scheduling, membership size, resident priority, and the use of the facility by nonresidents despite taxpayer support.

E.D. Cortright reviewed a memorandum to the OPC Governing Board, dated June 17, 2025, addressing member concerns from the June 5, 2025 meeting. It included a historical timeline, Fitness & Aquatics class capacity and registration issues, the Flex Pass option, and the 2026 Capital Improvement Plan.

The Commissioners requested additional data from Administration, along with options to support future decision-making regarding the Fitness and Aquatics Program.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

E.D. Cortright reported the following:

- Facility update: Nine replacement RTUs have been ordered, with delivery expected at the end of September and installation scheduled for early October. In July, the rocks and dirt in the two lower-level islands will be replaced with concrete and the curbs will be repaired.
- Cleaning up the MySeniorCenter database to identify and resolve issues with inaccurate, incomplete or duplicate data, improving data quality and usability. The process will identify members who have passed away or moved out of the area. Members will be asked to renew every three years to ensure their information is correct so they can be notified of weather closures or facility situations.
- The Summer Soiree was a fantastic success raising over \$75,000 for Meals on Wheels. Special thanks to the sponsors, Governing Board, local elected officials, community and OPC members, volunteers, OPC Team members and the Gardening Group for sprucing up the gardens for the party.
- The Nonagenarian Celebration is August 7 with cake, ice cream and a chance to share their words of wisdom and secrets to their longevity.

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- Paula Bedsole, Fine Arts & Crafts Programmer, is retiring after 19 years of providing her creativity, passion and skill in bringing art and crafts to life at OPC. Her dedication has inspired many and the joy she brought not only through the arts, but the woodshop, pottery studio, lapidary, Artisan Market, jewelry sales, and art shows is a wonderful legacy. Paula's retirement party is July 16 at 2:00 p.m.

Exited Commissioner Thompson at 6:22 p.m. – Returned at 6:24 p.m.

- Transportation rider statistics: A 33% increase – 47,207 rides (7/1/23 – 6/30/24) with 54,451 rides (6/1/24 – 5/31/25). Anne Murphy, Transportation Director, resigned for personal reasons. Her last day is July 1.
- A member only Pickleball Day Celebration is August 2 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the game. The day's events will be held in the lower parking lot and gym offering themed games (Fastest Serve, Kind of the Court, Dinking Challenge and Accuracy Game), trivia challenges, prizes, raffle giveaways and limited-edition T-shirts.
- Upcoming OPC events include:
 - Escape to Margaritaville with the Blind Justice Band - August 14
 - Senior Day Picnic – September 10
 - Food Truck Rally (new this year) – September 11
 - Pickleball Tournament – September 20
 - 50+ Expo – October 8
 - Artisan Market – November 8

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – none

Facility Committee – none

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner's comments were given.

Exited Commissioner Morlan at 6:32 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Walker requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

MOTION by Buxar, seconded by Del Pup, **Resolved**, to adjourn the meeting.

Aye: 7) Bikson, Buxar, Del Pup, Fisk, Sommers, Thompson, Walker

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Morlan

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025, AT 5:00 P.M.

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