

OLDER PERSONS' COMMISSION SEPTEMBER 4, 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, September 4, 2025, Governing Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Walker at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 6) Robin Buxar, Thomas Del Pup, Al Fisk, James Gill,
Micheline Sommers, David Walker

Absent: 2) Stuart Bikson, Carol Morlan

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 Buxar, **Resolved**, to approve the Agenda as presented.

Aye: 6) Buxar, Del Pup, Fisk, Gill, Sommers, Walker

Nay: 0)

Absent: 2) Bikson, Morlan

MOTION CARRIED

Entered Commissioner Bikson at 5:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Walker called for public comments for items not on the agenda. Eight members provided comments thanking the Board for preserving the Café and Library and requesting member age statistics. They raised concerns regarding pickleball fees and highly competitive play, fitness classes geared toward younger members, rapid class fill rates and challenges with online registration.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 26, 2025, REGULAR MEETING

MOTION by Del Pup, seconded by Sommers, **Resolved**, to approve the Minutes of the June 26, 2025, meeting, as presented.

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

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Morlan

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Facility Utilization

E. D. Cortright reviewed the OPC Membership and Facility Usage Statistics requested by the Board at the last meeting. The report included membership detail, Fitness & Aquatics Department offerings and classes, facility utilization by department and facility usage by members and guests who scan in. To meet future needs, the 2026 Capital Improvement Plan repurposes four rooms into a Yoga/Pilates studio.

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Chairman Walker called for public comments on the agenda item. Four members commented with questions regarding whether the Café or Billiards Room would be eliminated and emphasizing the need for a future strategic plan addressing the community.

NEW BUSINESS

Drug and Alcohol Policy

E.D. Cortright reviewed proposed updates to the Drug and Alcohol Policy to bring it current with organizational standards. Commissioner Buxar suggested a modification to page 8, Contact Person, changing "Renee Cortright" to "Executive Director."

MOTION by Del Pup, seconded by Buxar, to approve the Drug and Alcohol Policy, as modified.

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

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Morlan

MOTION CARRIED

Bylaws

E.D. Cortright proposed amending Article VI, Section 5, changing the date from August 1 to August 31, to allow sufficient time to present the budget to the three communities.

MOTION by Del Pup, seconded by Sommers, to approve the Older Persons' Commission Bylaws, as presented.

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

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Morlan

MOTION CARRIED

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

E.D. Cortright reported the following:

- Strategic Plan progress and completion update was presented.
- The Transportation Department welcomes Brian Hendrick as the new Transportation Director. Anna Schoenher was promoted to Mobility Manager, managing the expanding dispatch team and leading the QRyde software implementation.
- Adult Day Service welcomes Kerri Gentry, Adult Day Service Supervisor, bringing 15 years of leadership experience in aging services and healthcare operations.
- After 17 years of dedicated service, Victor Dorer, Facilities Manager, is retiring on September 18. We are moving forward with a partnership with the facility management company F&E.
- In January 2026, a membership renewal initiative will begin. All members will be required to update their information in our database, including current address, phone number and email address.

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- Upcoming OPC events include:
 - Senior Day Picnic – September 10
 - Food Truck Rally (new this year) – September 11
 - 50+ Expo – October 8
 - 650 Players present, “Dames at Sea” – Oct. 20 - 28
 - Artisan Market – November 8

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – none

Facility Committee – none

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner's comments were given.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Walker requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

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

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

Nay: 0)

Absent: 1) Morlan

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025, AT 5:00 P.M.

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