



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes COMMITTEE ON AGING

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Wednesday, September 25, 2019

2:30 PM

Madison Senior Center  
330 W. Mifflin St.

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Staff:** Sally Jo Spaeni; John Weichelt

**Guests:** Marcia Hendrickson, Jim Krueger- NewBridge; Diana Jost- RSVP; UW  
Social Work students

**Present:** 10 - Michael E. Verveer; Barbara Harrington-McKinney; Kathleen A. Poi; Donna  
C. Bryant; Felicitus Ferington; Faisal A. Kaud; Kathleen Whitt; Blinda H.  
Beason; Eileen D. Mershart and Alnisa T. Allgood

**Absent:** 2 - Daryl K. Sherman and Ben Obregon

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Poi, seconded by Beason, to Approve the minutes (with  
a correction to the last name of Dr. Dick Rieselbach.) The motion passed by  
voice vote.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

### BUSINESS & DISCUSSION

- [57181](#) Introduce Eileen Mershart to CoA- Sally Jo Spaeni, Faisal Kaud  
  
**Mershart comes to the Committee on Aging with a professional background in  
social work, and as retired Executive Director of the YWCA Madison.**
- [57521](#) Volunteer and Fund Development Report- John Weichelt  
Program and Activity Report- Laura Hunt  
  
**Upcoming special events include: Health & Resource Fair, A Photo Affair,  
Gallery Night, Paul Braun as featured speaker (at Monona Terrace and on  
Senior Beat), and fresh wreath sales.**  
  
**Discontinued: Classic English Tea and Festival of Wreathes will not be held in  
2019.**  
  
**New events include: Wine Walk and Halloween activities. MSC will be**

involved with Madison's Central BID's "Shine On Madison" winter event, with a holiday tree to be placed outside MSC.

Event and Activities highlights include: Annual Summer Picnic, (new) Tai Chi class, Ballroom Basics for Balance, and Great Courses (Climate Change) led by new volunteer instructor.

3. [53978](#) NewBridge Report and Farewell- Marcia Hendrickson

New food delivery program, called "FoodBridge."  
Working with Asian/Hmong populations, possible connection for case management & nutrition program; Bryant suggests idea for future funding provided to NewBridge for SE Asian program needs.  
Opportunity to connect with New Life Center.  
New Housing developments for low-income, veteran and/or older adults; taking programs directly to where they're needed, on-site.  
Case management is fully staffed (at thirteen). Three are bilingual (Spanish), and hope to continue with diversify efforts moving forward.  
Jim Krueger is taking over as the new Executive Director, November 4th. Solid footing for transition in leadership; agency is designed to work well into the future; 3-5 year strategic planning is in the works.

4. [55504](#) Director's Report- Sally Jo Spaeni

More affordable housing developments added. CDD working hard to provide affordable housing and making progress.  
Physical needs assessment for MSC done and considered for Capital Budget, such as movable walls, door replacements, patio/roof membrane replacement, etc.  
Courtyard repairs in the assessment will not need to be included, with foreseeable conversion to city park. Verveer provides details relating to park impact fees, and estimated \$700,000 to renovate for new park space; in conversation for over a year.  
Physical exercise equipment may be included for senior and/or disabled park users.  
MSC will have preferential treatment for park use, with fees largely waived.  
Energy audit done by Bryan Cooper- efforts for efficiency to take place, such as replacing light bulbs; will not affect CDD budget.  
Madison College bus stop discussed, with the possibility of moving location (currently utilizing alleyway.)  
Public safety around MSC and W Mifflin discussed. Accumulation of trash and debris out front and loiterers, possibly intimidating MSC attendees and affecting attendance; possible perception that the area is not safe.  
McKinney suggests bringing safety concerns to the table.  
Spaeni reports "Coffee with a Cop" is a helpful addition in programming in promoting public safety.  
Additional concern about parking and access to MSC; Verveer mentions possibly issuing parking vouchers to participants and volunteers.

## ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Poi, seconded by Beason, to Adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed by voice vote.

Next CoA meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2019

Minutes by Flesher