

STOW SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Minutes of the Stow Senior Citizens Commission Meeting held Tuesday, February 17, 2026, in the Boards and Commissions Room at Stow City Hall.

Members Present: Donna Richmond, Manorma Ramcharran, Audrey Kraynak, Amanda Harvan, Robert Andrews

Member Absent: Roger Bollins, Drew Romito

Others Present: Amanda Rome, Library Liaison; Kim Young, Councilmen

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Richmond called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Richmond was nominated as the Chairperson for 2026. All were in favor. Mr. Andrews was nominated as the Vice Chairperson for 2026. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Andrews moved to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2025 meeting, seconded by Ms. Ramcharran. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nothing to report.

MEETING SUMMARY

The meeting discussed the approval of minutes, election of officers and upcoming Parks and Recreation events like the Enchanted Afternoon, Bunny Trail Hop, and Cocktails and Cottontails. The senior center has 522 members, down slightly from last year. A survey was conducted and showed 172 participants interested in current programs. The group also discussed outreach to senior facilities and the need for better visibility of the senior commission. Plans for future meetings include outreach strategies and collaboration with senior facilities.

Action Items

- Add an agenda item to the next commission meeting to discuss and develop a plan for senior outreach efforts, including how best to connect with seniors in different areas.
- Review the recent senior center member survey results, focusing on activities with at least 50% expressed interest, and use those findings to shape upcoming programming priorities.
- Work to find a line dance instructor to schedule a monthly line dancing class for seniors at the senior center.
- Review other senior facilities' program offerings to gather ideas for the senior center.
- Launch new library visits to the Evergreen Park of Stow and Silver Lake Towers senior living facilities, coordinated around the library's current staffing constraints.

LIBRARY REPORT

- Ms. Rome reported that the library is searching for a fiscal officer and a new director.
- The library has a new initiative with Direction Home to provide caregiver support groups.
- Ms. Rome mentioned the start of new visits to Evergreen Parks of Stow and Silver Lake Towers living facilities.
- The board discussed the importance of caregiver support and the role of the library in providing resources.

PARKS & RECREATION AND SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES REPORT

- Ms. Lewis encouraged the board members to make sure to register for the Parks and Recreation newsletter.
- Upcoming Parks and Recreation events include the Enchanted Afternoon, Bunny Trail Hop, and Cocktails and Cottontails.
- Ms. Lewis mentioned the need for community groups to participate in the Bunny Trail Hop.
- Discussed the logistics and participation of community groups in the Bunny Trail Hop.
- Ms. Lewis reported that 522 members are signed up for the year, slightly less than the previous year.
- The survey sent to senior center members showed that the current programs are consistent with their interests.
- Ms. Lewis mentioned the possibility of adding new programs like line dancing.
- Discussed the importance of offering programs that seniors are interested in.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Ms. Richmond mentioned the idea of creating a fridge magnet with emergency contact information.
- Ms. Lewis mentioned listing the commissions in the city newsletter to let the public know about the commissions.
- Discussed the visibility and representation of the senior commission in the community.
- Mr. Andrews suggested highlighting all commissions in the senior center newsletter.
- There was discussion on the challenges of reaching out to seniors who are not tech-savvy.
- Mr. Andrews raised the issue of supporting seniors living in nursing homes and seniors who are unable to leave their homes.
- Discussed the logistics and challenges of providing support to seniors in nursing homes.
- Ms. Richmond suggested discussing outreach plans for the next meeting.
- Mr. Andrews emphasized the need for a collaborative approach to support seniors.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Andrews and seconded by Ms. Kraynak at 5:15 p.m. All were in favor.

Donna Richmond, Chairperson
Stow Senior Citizen's Commission

Deanna Davis, Recording Secretary
Parks and Recreation Department