



Senior Center and LINX Transit

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ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

April 15, 2026

MTG REPORT

Members Present: Cody Wack, Linda Meredith, Marlene Flyer, Joli Root, Barbara Hemnes, Dorrie Board and Sherry Leist; Staff Present: Kindra Oliver

1. WELCOME:

Meeting was opened at 10:00 a.m.

2. MINUTES:

Linda moved to approve the minutes from the January 21st, 2026 Advisory Board meeting; Barbara seconded; motion passed unanimously.

The City is recruiting for members for several City Advisory Boards, including the Senior Center and LINX Transit Advisory Board. We do have four current members with terms that are due to expire on June 30th, 2026. We've received several applications. Kindra will reach out to each board member to get thoughts on board member applications in order to send a recommendation to the City Council for appointments.

3. REPORTS:

Meal Site and Meals-on-Wheels:

Tori, the Meal Site Manager, will be retiring in a few months. The new Meal Site Manager is currently training and will take over when Tori retires.

Senior Center:

We completed our annual report for evidence-based program to Council of Governments, and the Senior Center provided 110 Geri-Fit Strength and Flex classes for 1,517 participants and 70 Bingocize classes for 845 participants.

We have had more issues with people leaving personal belongings around the exterior of the Senior Center, in the front and along the benches, on the side door going toward the Library, as well as stashing belongings, carts and bags of garbage in the bushes and around the perimeter of the building. Community Police Officers have had discussions with some individuals. We added additional signage at the front and other entrances of the building to remind everyone of our City Park and Senior Center policies, which will hopefully help to expand awareness.

Friends of the Library (FOL) presented the Senior Center with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for use of space at the Senior Center. Senior Center staff has

reviewed the MOU and did note some areas where clarification is needed, so will work with FOL to get those questions answered. We understand FOL created a MOU for the City Library, as well. The Senior Center and the Library will work with City Hall and the City Attorney to review, as well.

The City budget process is underway and Budget Committee will be meeting in May. We are working on fine tuning our budget line items for operations, as well as appropriate staffing levels for the Senior Center and LINX Transit.

LINX Transit:

The FY2027-29 biennial grant process is underway. Senior Center staff has turned in five applications so far, including a 5310 federal application for purchased service for operations, as 5310 federal application for preventative maintenance and three applications for vehicle replacements for two buses and a van. We have four more applications to turn in by Monday, April 20th, including a Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) application for continued service for the second deviated fixed route that was funded for FY2025-27 and STIF Discretionary applications for the match requirements for the three vehicle replacements. FY 2027-29 5311 federal and 5339 federal grants are due in May. FY 2027-29 STIF Payroll and Population grants will be due in September or August 2026.

Third Quarter grant reports are due by April 30th, 2026.

One of our buses is out of service due to a bus incident a couple of weeks ago. The other driver was cited for unsafe passing. We hope to have the bus back in service in the next 4-6 weeks.

We anticipate receiving one of our new buses in May, which will be very helpful, as we are currently short on vehicles in order to keep up with demand for service.

4. CONTINUING BUSINESS:

A member noted some other cities have expanded their Senior Centers into Community Centers and some members have heard that the change has been difficult for seniors. We do have a 16,000 square foot building and we are getting closer to pre-Covid activity where room availability is more difficult to find, so we have quite a bit of programming scheduled and our space is being utilized. We have had discussions from time to time about the possibility of opening up in the evenings or weekends to the community, but there isn't funding available for additional staff and operating expenses for extended hours, so would have to get creative with community partnerships. We also have quite a few outside groups using and renting the Senior Center after hours, so the building is being used.

5. DISCUSSION / NEW BUSINESS:

Next Advisory Board Meetings scheduled:

Wednesday, July 15th 10:00 am

Wednesday, October 21st, 10:00 am

6. ADJOURNMENT