

Rose City Senior Center
Senior Affairs Commission
Special Meeting of March 23, 2026

Present Members: Frank Jacaruso, Laurie Messore, Patricia DiBattista, and Rebecca Melucci.

Present staff: Mike Wolak and Melissa Bresnan-Gilbo.

Frank Jacaruso called meeting to order, as there was a quorum.

Approval of the minutes: Minutes from October 20, 2025 meeting were approved.

Public Comment: None

Communications:

- AARP donated \$100 for use of Senior Center space for their monthly meetings.
- CSEA State Retirees group donated \$125 for their monthly meetings at the Senior Center.
- Senior Center member Ellen sent a thank you note with a \$100 donation.
- Senior Center member Kim sent a \$100 donation with a thank you note stating how much the transportation program helped with getting to medical appointments.
- The family of Senior Center member Fran sent a \$100 donation with a thank you note about appreciating our medical equipment lending service.
- Sunrise Rotary group donated \$250 for the use of the building for their meetings.
- Attorney Lahan's office notified Mike that one of our members has passed away and is leaving Rose City Senior Center \$5000 in her will.

Human Services Director report: There is currently not a Human Services Director, so this will not be on the agenda until further notice.

Manager of the Senior Center report: Mike reported the following:

- With the City currently not having a Director of Human Services, the Senior Center is now working as its own department, separate from Human Services, Adult and Family Services, and Recreation. It has not been determined whether the City will hire a new Director of Human Services or keep the Senior Center working independently.
- The City Manager will be presenting his budget on Monday, April 6.
- Mike will be presenting the Senior Center budget to City Council on Monday, April 13 at 6pm. There are no cuts that he knows of. Mike is requesting a new wheelchair van in the budget.
- Mike is applying for 2 grants- the Footcare Clinic Grant with Senior Resources, which the Senior Center has received for the last 22 years; and the State of Connecticut- Department of Transportation Grant for out-of-town medical transportation, which is a combined grant with the Town of Montville.

- The Fontaine Field project is making progress in the planning and design phase. They are hoping to break ground in the Summer or early Fall.

Chairperson report: None

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Other Business:

- Rose City Senior Center was in The Day newspaper, featuring a photo of the Pitch card group.

Next Meeting: April 20, 2026 at 9am

Submitted By: Melissa Bresnan-Gilbo

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