

**City of Birmingham**  
**Regular Meeting of the Ad Hoc Aging in Place Committee**  
**February 28, 2024**

NEXT

2121 Midvale, Birmingham, Michigan

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Birmingham's Ad Hoc Aging in Place Committee held on February 28, 2024.

**1. Call to Order:** AIPC Chair Hoff convened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call:**

**Present:** Pam DeWeese, Rosemary O'Malley, Rackeline Hoff, Melissa Mark, Rebekah Craft, Cris Braun, Leslie Pielack, Jay Reynolds (alternate)

**Absent:** None

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

A. Regular meeting of the AIPC on January 24, 2024.

Chair Hoff asked if there were any comments or corrections to the draft minutes from this meeting.

- i. Chair Hoff: Section 4, Sub Section E (ii) – "Chair Hoff *asked* who teaches.."
- ii. Chair Hoff: Section 4, Sub Section E (v) – "Alternate CM Reynolds *asked if* the Ann Arbor..."
- iii. Chair Hoff: Section 4, Sub Section E (vii) – "would it survive *if* he was not.."
- iv. Chair Hoff: Section 8, Sub Section A – "Email communication from Maureen Field *re: affordability of senior housing in Birmingham.*"

Chair Hoff asked for a motion to approve the AIPC minutes of January 24, 2024 with the above listed changes.

Motion by CM O'Malley to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2024 meeting with the above listed four changes. Motion seconded by CM Mark. Voice Vote:

Yeas: Hoff, Mark, DeWeese, Pielack, O'Malley, Craft, Braun

Nays: None

B. Comments

**4. Guest Speaker:** None

**5. New Business:**

A. Committee Update Summary

- i. Chair Hoff discussed the summary highlighting that the Aging in Place Survey has been sent in water bills, has been posted on Engage Birmingham, and available at City Hall and Next
  - ii. CM Braun asked the number of Engage Birmingham responses. ACM Fairbairn estimated several hundred responses had been received.
- B. Discussion/ Receive Public Input on the Topic of Aging in Place
- i. Sherry Tattrie: Asked about parking at the YMCA building. CM Braun: Not aware of plans to add additional parking.
  - ii. Nancy Hargrave Thomas: Saw information about this meeting in The Eagle but could not find much information on the website.
  - iii. Gordon Rinchler: Asked the committee and members of the public to attend outreach meetings regarding the building renovation.
  - iv. CM Mark: Asked if the outreach meetings were scheduled yet. ACM Fairbairn: Meetings are not yet scheduled.
  - v. Nancy Hargrave Thomas: Asked if she should go to CM Braun with questions about the YMCA project.
  - vi. Andrew McMechan: Spoke about his family's history in Birmingham and stated that he moved back to age in place due to Birmingham's infrastructure. Expressed concerns with large, expensive homes built on his street (Shipman).
  - vii. Dave Devereaux: Commented regarding the Shirley and Arlington infrastructure project that it is too hard for older residents to pay to improve streets.
  - viii. Kathleen Devereaux: Expressed concerns with homes were demolished that could have been good for aging in place. Stated that the City needs to stop demolitions. Chair Hoff responded that she learned as a former City Commissioner that home demolitions and rebuilds are multifaceted issues but that the committee would keep housing stock in mind.
  - ix. Chair Hoff asked ACM Fairbairn for information about the City administration's meeting with Bill Seckler at the Community House. ACM Fairbairn stated that city administration met with Bill Seckler to inform him of the public's impression of the Community House. CM Craft told the committee that the Community House had an online survey about their services.
  - x. Sherry Tattrie: Asked about the City's role with the Community House. Joel Milinsky: Stated that the Senior Men's Club was kicked out of the Community House. Kathleen Devereaux: Stated that they are a non-profit but do not behave like one except for their tax benefits. Gordon Rinchler: Stated that the Community House no longer hosts the type of community events and groups as they used to do. Joel Milinsky: Suggested that the Community House should pay taxes. CM Mark: Asked who owns the Community House and its land. Kathleen Devereaux: Stated that the Community House is owned by the non-profit.

- xi. CM Braun: Stated that the committee should focus on housing in their future discussions including making it easier for seniors to renovate their current homes.
- xii. Andrew McMechan: Concerned about how bigfoot homes affect daylight on his street.
- xiii. Gordon Rinchler: Stated that multi-family senior housing like Auburn Hills' was needed in Birmingham.
- xiv. Sherry Tattrie: Asked if tax incentives renovations were possible.
- xv. Chair Hoff: From her personal experience it is very expensive to move from your home into senior housing and stated that the Baldwin House's market rates have increased significantly.

**6. Old Business:** None

**7. Open to the Public for Items Not on the Agenda:**

**8. Miscellaneous Communications:**

- A. Copy of Final Community Survey

**9. Announcements:**

**10. Adjournment:**

With no further business being evident, Chair Hoff closed the meeting. CM O'Malley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:02 pm. Seconded by CM Mark.