



## **SENIOR CITIZEN SC MINUTES**

**Michael Q. Geary**  
City Clerk

**Date:** June 12, 2025  
**Time:** 1:00 PM  
**Location:** Senior Center, 275 Broadway St., Lowell, Ma.

### **PRESENT:**

Present on Roll Call C. Mercier, C. Descoteaux, C. Gitschier. Others present were Kim Gagnon (Dir. Senior Center) and Yovani Baez-Rose (DPD).

### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

C. Mercier called the meeting to order noting those in attendance and monthly agenda items, including senior recreational playgrounds.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

C. Mercier introduced Ms. Baez-Rose who provided presentation entitled "What Could A Senior Playground Look Like In Lowell?". Ms. Baez-Rose noted motion before Council regarding recreation for seniors. Ms. Baez-Rose noted review of open spaces in the City and that they would be reaching out to seniors to see what the needs would be. Ms. Baez-Rose noted there would be a large array of topics for seniors to choose from. Ms. Baez-Rose noted Harmony Park as a possible site to place exercise equipment. C. Mercier open up to public which included review of different types of equipment. Comments regarding the process in which input would be gathered and used. Ms. Baez-Rose noted that input could be used to place equipment. Question arose regarding dogs in these areas. C. Mercier noted ordinance prohibiting dogs in parks. Ms. Baez-Rose noted that there are plans to expand dog parks in the City. A parcel on River



Road was identified for placement of a bench for walkers. C. Mercier open meeting up to other issues. Concern was noted regarding air conditioning in the building. C. Mercier commented on advertising in Senior Center paper for subcommittee meetings. Ms. Gagnon noted the issues with air conditioning. Regarding notice of these meetings, it could be done through neighborhood groups. Maxine Farkas commented on the artist area on Western Avenue. Ms. Farkas commented on dry-wall vendor unloading product on the street as well as increased commercial traffic due to increase in business. Ms. Farkas commented on vehicle repair shops in the area use of space in artist community. C. Gitschier questioned police enforcement in the area and noted their responsibility. C. Gitschier noted that a loading dock would resolve issue and that would be a zoning process. Ms. Farkas commented on new streetlight on Western Avenue which interferes with units. C. Descoteaux noted the 311 system is operating and items could be resolved through it. Ms. Farkas provided pictures regarding the drywall factory. C. Gitschier commented on the parking situation. Maryl Drive resident commented on signage restricting traffic on the street. C. Descoteaux noted the request from another resident on the street. C. Mercier noted prior request on the street and the issues with the traffic. C. Gitschier noted the work being done on Fairmount regarding speed bumps. C. Gitschier requested resident call Transportation Engineer. Concern was voiced regarding accessibility to events in the city for handicap and elderly. C. Mercier noted a motion to address accessibility for these events. **Motion** to have City explore disability seating for events throughout the City by C. Descoteaux, seconded by C. Gitschier. Adopted per Roll Call vote 3 yeas (C. Mercier, C. Descoteaux, C. Gitschier). So voted. Resident noted concern regarding traffic increase on Bigelow Street due to various projects. C. Mercier noted recent motion regarding issue. **Motion** to provide traffic mitigation plan for Swan and Bigelow Streets due to Gorham Street Bridge construction by C. Mercier, seconded C. Descoteaux. Adopted per Roll Call vote 3 yeas (C. Mercier, C. Descoteaux, C. Gitschier). So voted. Concern noted for Rogers Street traffic regarding speed. **Motion** to request traffic engineer look into feasibility of placing a solar digital speed limit sign between Nesmith Street and Waverly Avenue and in between Concord and High



Streets by C. Gitschier, seconded by C. Descoteaux. Adopted per Roll Call vote 3 yeas (C. Mercier, C. Descoteaux, C. Gitschier). So voted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion** to Adjourn by C. Mercier, seconded by C. Descoteaux. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.

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