



# EAST LANSING AGENDA

## Seniors Commission Meeting

9:30 AM - Monday, April 6, 2026

Hannah Community Center - 819 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48823

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# MINUTES

## Seniors Commission Meeting

9:30 AM - Monday, March 9, 2026  
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The Seniors Commission of the City of East Lansing was called to order on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 9:30 AM, in the Hannah Community Center, with the following members present:

**PRESENT:** Carol Brownell, Diana Paiz, Libby Keenan, Jim Levande, Commissioner John Goddeeris, Chair Kathy Bouchard-Wyant, and Judith Wattenberg

**EXCUSED:**

### 1. OPENING

#### Roll Call

Also in attendance were Commissioner Mark Meadows, City Council Liaison; and Alesha Williams, staff liaison.

#### Approval of the agenda

Commissioner Keenan motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Paiz seconded. Motion carried.

#### Approval of the minutes

Vice Chair Goddeeris motioned to approve the minutes for the February 2026 meeting. Commissioner Levande seconded. Motion carried.

### 2. COMMUNICATION FROM GUESTS

#### Presentation by Landon Bartley, Principal Planner

Mr. Bartley attended the meeting to hear feedback from the commissioners on the Age Friendly Communities A(FC) Progress Report and Action Plan. He announced that now that the plan has been approved by City Council, the Committee has decided to move forward with quarterly meetings to remain connected with what various Commissions are doing toward reaching the AFC goals.

### 3. COMMUNICATION

#### City Council Liaison

Councilmember Meadows discussed the upcoming City Council meeting for March 10, which will be a discussion only meeting. He highlighted topics such as adjustments to rental overlay zones. Chair Bouchard-Wyant inquired

whether airbnb's are allowed in the City. Councilmember Meadows indicated that airbnb's are allowed, with rental licensing, but would be subject to the same rules as a typical rental license, including no more than 2 unrelated individuals occupying a dwelling.

#### **Chair's Comments**

Chair Bouchard-Wyant initiated discussion related to information provided by Commissioner Levande prior to the meeting regarding virtual fraud and cryptocurrency and targeting of seniors. This is being addressed at the state level and as details emerge, it will be evaluated to determine if communication in an upcoming Monthly Email Update is warranted.

### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Age Friendly Communities Update**

Details regarding this Committee were discussed in Mr. Bartley's presentation.

#### **Friends of East Lansing Seniors Update**

Vice Chair Goddeeris announced that the Friend's will next meet on Thursday, March 12.

#### **Generations Connect Update**

Commissioner Wattenberg announced that Generations Connect will host their annual Spring Fling event on March 31 at the EL Public Library.

#### **CD Advisory Committee Update**

Commissioner Brownell informed that Commission that this Committee has completed their purpose and determined the distribution of funds for the next fiscal year.

#### **Senior Program Updates**

Ms. Williams provided an update on the status of the current quarter, including that the trip to the Tiger's Game in May is now at full capacity, along with several other programs. Planning for the summer quarter has begun with plans to host a Holistic Health speaker series and a collaborative program with MSU Beal Gardens and MSU Museums. Additionally plans for fall programs including the new Continuous Learning Collaborative and Transportation Retirement Fair and Series are moving forward.

Commissioner Paiz requested the Zumba Gold schedule be reevaluated to see if another option was available so that this new class does not overlap Line Dancing. This change has already been considered by the Program Manager and will be adjusted in the summer schedule.

Commissioner Paiz also mentioned the need to address screen reader issues with Prime Time Newsletter. Prime Time staff will continue to work with LPi Communities, the printing company that produces our quarterly Newsletter to ensure the entire Newsletter is screen reader accessible.

## **5. PLANNING**

### **Strategic Priorities / Committee Reports**

Commissioner Paiz announced that she had sent an email to CATA representative to discuss options for their involvement in the fall Transportation series and was working toward connecting with another Prime Time participant who may be able to assist in getting a list of transportation focused companies that are licensed through MDOT. Commissioners provided suggestions for potential presenters and/or exhibitors, including EL Transportation Commission, mobility equipment supplies and repair, and home remodeling services for retrofitting for accessibility.

Vice Chair Goddeeris and Ms. Williams provided an update on the Continuous Learning Collaborative with MSU. Communication has been sent out through MSU Retirees Association and Faculty Emeritus Association. MSUFEA also promoted the program at their recent monthly speaker event.

Chair Bouchard-Wyant, Commissioner Brownell, and Ms. Williams continue to work with EL Downtown Management Board to survey local businesses to determine feasibility for providing a senior discount program to be kicked off this summer. Plans for a kick-off event are also being considered.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Paiz motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wattenberg seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.