Minutes of the Ridgefield Commission on Aging
November 16, 2026
Kathy Conference Room, Town Hall

Co-Chair Yaffa called the meeting to order at 1:36PM which was the First Order of Business. Commissioners Nolan, Mullin, Richards, Cushman, Kabasakalian were present. Also present was Linda Levowitz. Commissioners Orr, Berkley and Culhane were absent.

As to the Second Order of Business, Public Comment - There was none.

As to the Third Order of Business, Approval of Minutes from both October 19, 2026 and Special Meeting Minutes from October 27, 2026 - a motion to approve bot was made by Ms. Nolan and seconded by Ms. Mullin, no discussion, motion passed unanimously.

As to the Fourth Order of Business - Housekeeping-Financials - No update at this time. Dates and times for 2027 CoA meeting schedule - proposed dates and times change back to 2:30PM were reviewed and accepted. Ms. Yaffa stated that the dates/times/locations were sent to and approved by Reyna at Town Hall and will be on our 2027 calendar found on best Town website.Motion to approve was made by Mrs. Kabasakalian and. Seconded by Ms. Mullin. No discussion, motion passed unanimously.

As to the Fifth Order of Business - The Senior Expo 2027 speaker committee is co-chaired by John Richards and Alden Cushman.

Additional working members of the group are Dee Tufariello and Linda Lebovitz. The group is looking to offer speakers in the subject areas of legal, medical, technology and safe exercise. They are also exploring the notion of offering some simple nutrition packed food classes. Northwell is assisting on leads on specific speakers. Some presentations may include a panel of physicians. Presently, the sub-committee is leaning toward offering a total of 4 speakers. The speaker sub-committee will be addressing additional logistics such as microphones and specific time slots. Progress is being made.

As to the Sixth Order of Business - Expo update on email contact to former sponsors/donors/exhibitors - Senior Expo 2027 co-chairs, Chris Nolan and Margie Mullin, reported that they are close to sending out mails and letters to prior sponsors and donors to support the new Expo. Approximately 10 donors from the initial Expo will be contacted by email, then receive a follow up printed request via the mail. The donor/sponsor letter has been confirmed by Dee Tufariello, Margie Mullin and Chris Nolan. We are receiving support for Gillian in Town Hall.The language in the letter was shared with the Commissioners. This letter offers six levels of sponsorship rates: Platinum $5,000; Gold $2,500; Silver $1,000; Bronze $500; General Exhibitor $250 and Friends of Ridgefield for donations. Specifics associated with each level will be included in the rate sheets and communicated with supporters.

Senior Expo 2027 Co-Chairs are also working with Dee Tufariello on social media

databases to be used for sending Senior newsletter and promotion of the Expo. This group will also be working with outside professionals Marge Maida and Kate Fitzpatrick.

As to the Seventh Order of Business - CoA Priorities - Follow Ups and Updates; Transportation - Rides is being updated, they hired a new Coordinator of vVolinteers. Transportation Task Force will meet again soon; Food Insecurity - tabled. Sr, Voices presentations have ended for the year 2026. For January , Tewes Cares will be presenting. Mullin and Yaffa continue to work on filing the 2027 year of presentations. Senior Housing - tabled. Adult Day Health - tabled. Digital Divide - Yaffa and Phillips working with Brenda McKinley on this. Ms. Kabalaskalian will join that committee.

As to the Eighth Order of Business - New Business 2027 meeting times were voted on previously.

As to the Ninth Order of Business - Next meeting date 12/21/2026.

As to the Tenth Order of Business - meeting adjourned at 2:30PM following a motion made by Chris NBolan, seconded by Margie Mullin. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Yaffa

Acting Secretary