

Minutes of the Ridgefield Commission on Aging
April 20, 2026 - 2:30 PM
Small Conference Room, Town Hall

Co-Chair Yaffa called the meeting to order at 2:32PM which was the First Order of Business. Co-Chair Nolan, Mullin, Kabasakalian, Culhane, Orr and Richards were present. Also present were Tony Phillips, Director of Social Services and Karen Gaudian, Municipal Agent for the Elderly.

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

As to the Third Order of Business, Ms. Mullin moved and Ms. Nolan seconded that the Approval of Minutes be approved with correcting Ms. to Mrs. Kabasakalian. Motion passed unanimously.

As to if Fourth Order of Business - Housekeeping-Financials - We have \$328.29 in Office Supplies; \$166.22 in the Leir account; \$43,090.25 in the Expo account and \$2,315 in the intern account. \$386 was used for purchasing Rack Cards and Gold Cards.

As to the Fifth Order of Business - Priorities and Follow Up/Updates -
TRANSPORTATION - Yaffa and Phillips's spoke - There were four Roundtrip test rides, all were successful and met expectations. The Task Force is in discussions with a new business, Ridgefield Rides, headed by Glen Lafave to see if there is comparability in both models and the possibility of Ridgefield Rides being another support path for the new pilot. These discussions are in the early stages . Any changes will be shared with the CoA. FOOD INSECURITY - Orr, Phillips & Culhane spoke, There was a Community Table meeting today regarding the needs of the community are being met "today" government contributions could limit funds available and energy services needed are a contributing factor. SENIOR VOICES - Mullin and Yaffa [spoke](#). We continue to have increased attendance, April was focused on PT and May will focus on bank scams. The 2026 schedule is complete and also found on the Town/CoA website (page). SENIOR HOUSING Kabasakalian and Richards spoke. Discussion on a floating Senior zone possibly in the Branchville district. April 22nd there is an Affordable Housing meeting to attend. DIGITAL DIVIDE is on hold. ADULT DAY HEALTH is on hold.

As to the Sixth Order of Business - Commendations for 2026 - tabled to May meeting.

As to the Seventh Order of Business - Follow UPS - Yaffa and Nolan spoke. The Gold Cards and rack Cards are completed. Senior Central Directory - Tabled pending a full compliment of Commissioners to have greater participation. Regular Email Blasts - In progress. CoA Website has been updated to include the 2026 Sr. Voices Schedule and

corrected Mullins to Mullin. ECDC - Will be helpful to CoA with further outreach to the community around our events and need for volunteers (such as for Summerfest).

As to the Eighth Order of Business - New Business - Yaffa band Nolan spoke. The CoA is not participating in the Memorial Day Parade and is participating in the Pride in the Park event on June 6th. Summerfest participation to be further discussed at our May meeting. Senior Spectacular Expo TWO will have a robust discussion at our May meeting. Commissioners are asked to bring a list of their questions and pros and cons.

As to the ninth Order of Business - Next meeting date is May 18, 2026.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 PM following a motion made by Mrs. Kabasakalian and seconded by Ms. Orr and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Patricia Yaffa
Acting Secretary