



**Seniors' Council of Douglas County
May 2, 2024 Meeting Minutes
Philip and Jerry Miller Library
100 S. Wilcox St., Castle Rock**

Meeting started: 10:05 a.m.

Meeting ended: 11:30 a.m.

No. of attendees: 23 attendees (7 new attendees)

Executive Committee Members: Gretchen Lopez, Valerie Robson, Tiffany Curtin, Jean Spahr, Mary Cates

County reps: Jennifer D'Ambrosio, Kim Smith

Presenter: Daniel Bergeleen, Curator at Douglas County Libraries

Opening Remarks

- Valerie welcomed attendees and thanked the Library for hosting the meeting.
- She introduced the leadership team members to the group.
- Commissioner Thomas read the Resolution making May 2024 Older Americans Month in Douglas County. She acknowledged the valuable contributions older adults make in our communities.

Announcements

- Valerie introduced the change to an integrated team approach for the Senior's Council of Douglas County's (SCDC) Leadership Team. She gave a short history of SCDC and how we arrived at our new business model today.
- Other leadership members covered various sections of the proposed changes to the council's operating procedures.
- Tiffany thanked Tall Tales Ranch for providing refreshments at the meeting. They will be building a new facility in Lone Tree, breaking ground at the end of 2024.
- Upcoming events include:
 - SCDC's June Meeting at Terra Bluffs in Parker focusing on a presentation entitled "Identifying Abuse and How to Help".
 - Wednesday, June 5th, Senior Life Expo at the Douglas County Fairgrounds.
 - Saturday, July 13th, Senior Law & Safety Summit at the Charles Schwab Conference Center in Lone Tree.
 - Tuesday, September 24th is the "Aging Well, Finishing Strong" Workshop in the Events Center at the Douglas County Fairgrounds.

- Gretchen explained that SCDC is a not-for-profit organization of volunteers advocating for the more than 65,000 older adults living in Douglas County. SCDC meetings are held every 1st Thursday of the month. However, there will be no meeting this July due to the holiday.

Presentation: “Archives and Local History of Douglas County”

The Archives Department has three full-time staff members: Cecily North Rudow, Hannah Bawden, and Daniel Bergeleen.

- The space allotted in the Archives Department has been greatly expanded.
- The preservation of its documents is ensured by temperature-controlled rooms and has a fire mitigation system.
- The public is invited to access the collections for their personal research. Appointments can be made for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, by accessing the library website. Mondays and Fridays are reserved for walk-ins.
- Collections include maps, USGS aerial photos, blueprints, government documents, business records, newspapers, photographs, personal papers, and books.
- Yearbooks as early as the 1930’s to present, are available to review.
- Donations of printed items and photographs are welcomed by the library.
- Presentations regarding the archive collections can be requested by community organizations.
- For further information Daniel can be contacted at dbergeleen@dclibraries.org or at 303-688-7731.

Closing Remarks

- Valerie thanked Daniel for his fantastic presentation and encouraged people to volunteer in this area.
- She closed the meeting at 11:30 a.m.