

COMMISSION ON ELDER AFFAIRS

Minutes of January 28, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robin Bahr Casey, Chair; Meg Coffin; Paul Franco; Paul Johnson; Elizabeth Nguyen; Chizoma Nosike; Mariana O'Brien; Richard Pinkes; Cathy Rao; Richard Shea; Caroline Sullivan

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Nancy Greenberg/Fran Langille; Nghia Le

STAFF/GUESTS PRESENT: Amy Waters, Patty Hainsworth, Linda Wincek-Moore;

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Robin and she reminded members to do the online conflict of interest/Ethics training if they haven't done it already. She also noted that the speaker planned for today could not make it.

The Commission minutes of Nov. 26, 2018 were approved as mailed. m/s/a  
The Senior Center Committee Report of Jan. 8, 2019 was approved as mailed. m/s/a

Robin expressed thanks that the City Manager recently appointed the new members of the Senior Center Committee. The next Commission meeting was confirmed for Mon. Feb 25 at 4:00 p.m.

Amy gave the Director's Report. She reported that there is still an opening on the full Commission if anyone knows someone who may be interested. Amy reported in detail on the spending/funding included in the January Senior Center Committee report and reviewed the goals and objectives report. The State Secretary of Elder Affairs, Alice Bonner, has stepped down and no one has replaced her yet. A donation of \$100,000 was received by the Friends of the Worc. Senior Center from Blue Cross/Blue Shield to support the development of the new fitness center. The city is working on a strategic plan for every department. Amy reported on the recent security issues at the center. The city has received an extension on the MassWorks Grant which will be used to fund the various renovations. There was discussion about planning for the 2020 census.

Patty reported on various programs, including the Dementia Friendly planning, encouraging members to consider joining the action team. She informed members that they will be invited to City Hall for volunteer recognition on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Facility issues included addressing gas leaks, snow & ice removal and that some rooms are being painted.

Linda reported on outreach efforts, activities of Senior Services staff, and the WRTA ADA automatic fare collection process that started January 1<sup>st</sup>. She also reported that a QCC intern will be working until May and 2 Worc. State University students will be working 10 hours a week assisting with outreach.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.