

Meeting Notice and Agenda
Senior Center Committee of the Commission on Elder Affairs

The next meeting of the Senior Center Committee will be held on **September 14, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. at 128 Providence Street, Worcester, MA.**

Members who cannot attend, please contact Jennifer Linch at 508-799-1232 x48009 or linchj@worcesterma.gov. Thank you.

AGENDA

- I. Senior Center Committee Chair
 - a. Call to Order / Approval of June 8, 2021 minutes
 - b. Confirm date and time of next meeting

- II. Elder Affairs Staff Reports and Recommendations
 - A. Finances
 - 1. Public and Private Funding
 - 2. Program Allocations
 - 3. Leases
 - 4. Development

 - B. Operations
 - 1. Staffing
 - 2. Facility and Grounds
 - 3. Programs
 - 4. Reopening

- III. Public Comment (up to 2 minutes each)
- IV. Adjournment

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REPORT TO COMMISSION ON ELDER AFFAIRS
Senior Center Committee Minutes 6.8.21

Present: Robin Bahr Casey-chair; Richard Shea, Caroline Sullivan, Fran Langille, Patty Hainsworth,
Amy Waters.

Robin called the meeting to order at noon via WebEx. The minutes of 5.11.21 were approved (m/s/a). It was decided to skip summer meetings as usual and wait until August to determine when and where the September 14th meeting will be held.

Amy reported on, and the Committee discussed the following: the City Council budget hearing was positive and approval was given for the new Technical Program Assistant as well as funding for the management of the new fitness center; Ascentria will continue to coordinate the Arabic Elder Group but will likely also serve newer refugees and immigrants from Afghanistan, Central African Republic, Congo-DRC and Somalia; the law dept. approved a letter to be sent to tenants once the senior center's opening date is confirmed, requiring full rent, after more than a 30 day notice; Currently reviewing 50+ applications for the receptionist position.

Patty reported on, and the Committee discussed the following: The building is being prepared for reopening; the dph vaccination clinic has vacated, but has left a refrigerator to hold vaccines for a final clinic at the Senior Center on June 17th; the basic program schedule will be increased as time goes on but initially it will include games, lunch, musical entertainment, crafts, multicultural groups, Bobby M's Diner and more; Fitness programs are scheduled to start in July; The City Manager and Dr. Hirsh will speak at the first lunch and will be recorded to be played at other times; other remote programs will continue.

Amy reviewed the welcome notice and both she and Patty answered questions. Richard congratulated the staff for gearing up for the reopening so quickly.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm (m/s/a).