

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 **Tuesday, October 12, 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 September 14, 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 9.14.21

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

Robin called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm at the Worcester Senior Center. The next meeting was confirmed for 10/12/21 but the time still needs to be confirmed. The minutes of 6.8.21 were approved (m/s/a).

Finances: Amy reported on, and the committee discussed the following: Hearings and a survey are available to give feedback on spending federal ARPA funds some of which may be allocated to remote programming for the senior center; Tax levy funds are budgeted and being expended as planned in the spring; State funding is expected to be finalized in October when the census data is in; Licenses for space are currently all set; No new development activity regarding the vacant portion of the building; the draft of the request for proposals for management of the fitness center under construction was reviewed and recommendations were discussed.

Operations: Amy reported that our new receptionist is working out well and that we are in the process of interviewing for the technology program assistant; Patty reported on and the committee reviewed the following: Parking lot update appears to be on schedule and the noise level is manageable. The fitness room also making progress: noted the renderings in the hallways. Updates given on reopening, no large programs but many programs restarting on a smaller scale including the exercise programs. It was noted the Fitlot is popular and that there will be a recognition of both the fitness center and Fitlot in October. Despite reminders and encouragement re: mask mandate some participants are lax, resulting in staff reminders and encouragement to wear them consistently.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. (m/s/a)