

REPORT TO THE COMMISSION ON ELDER AFFAIRS

SENIOR CENTER COMMITTEE 4/10/18

PRESENT: Theresa Eckstrom-Chair, Robin Bahr-Casey, Paul Johnson, Amy Waters, Patty Hainsworth.

EXCUSED: Chris Evans, Tom Cullinane

Theresa called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. There being no quorum, the minutes were held. The next meeting was confirmed for Tues. May 8th at 4 pm.

Finances: Amy reported on the following with committee discussion-upcoming FY'19 budget meeting with the City Manager; potential increase in FY'19 State COA Formula grant; Harvard Pilgrim Health Care's donation of \$5,000 for summer concert series and to stock the clinic; FY'18 transportation costs lower than projected; reviewed program descriptions and evaluations to prepare for FY'19 allocation recommendations; As planned, the Committee re-visited the requested funding to help support the Senior Center meal site operated by Elder Services of Worcester Area; As there was no quorum, the Committee informally recommends that the Commission approves a \$5,315 allocation to support approximately 4.6% of the costs to serve meals at the senior Center; Leases are status quo; and the RFP for development of the vacant wing should go out this month.

Operations: Patty reported on the following with committee discussion-One building services staff is on leave; advertising for Club 60+ Latino Elder Group Coordinator; volunteers are helping at the front desk; new WDPH nurse has started her orientation at the Senior Center; REC will be improving the grounds; Earth Day postponed until this Thursday; Health and Safety Fair as well as Caregiver Panel tomorrow; Red Sox intergenerational program went well; Volunteer Recognition and Distinguished Speakers coming up; Using COA grant to offer Meditation, Ageless Grace and SAIL; Preparing for Walking Club Kick-off with new incentives; and the "No Evil" project was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. with Commission members going to City Hall to be honored in the annual volunteer recognition ceremony.