

Senior Center Committee of Commission on Elder Affairs Notice/Agenda

The next meeting of the Senior Center Committee will be held on:

Tuesday September 13, 2022 at NOON via ZOOM:

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AGENDA

- I. Senior Center Committee Chair
 - a. Call to Order / Approval of minutes for June 14, 2022
 - b. Confirm date and time of next meeting-October 11th at noon.

- 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/Closing

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

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REPORT TO THE COMMISSION ON ELDER AFFAIRS
Senior Center Committee Meeting-June 14, 2022

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

Robin called the meeting to order on Zoom at 12:05 pm. The minutes of May 10, 2022 were approved (m/s/a) and the next meeting was confirmed for Sept. 13, 2022 at noon.

Amy reported on and the committee discussed the following: FY 22 tax levy surplus due to unspent money budgeted to manage the Fitness Center was used for technology purchases and returned for use by HHS at the Budget Offices' request; surplus state COA will be carried over for use in FY'23; FY'23 allocations recommended this month include:

- An increase ordained by the city for all employee salaries including the multi-cultural elder group coordinators on the grant funded temporary pool which will be covered for an additional \$4,671 state COA funding for those line items if not forthcoming from the city. (m/s/a)
- \$25,000 for transportation services which, this year will mainly go towards special transit for those who cannot use the WRTA's fixed route or ADA services. The service was bid out and is expected to cost \$21/one way trip. (m/s/a)

The paperwork for tenant licenses are in process for summer implementation and the reduced fee for one tenant's reduced extra usage of the building was noted, and staffing continues to be a challenge balancing time off for illness, caregiving and vacations.

Patty reported on and the committee discussed the following: the parking lot has been resealed and will be relined next week; the fitness center is looking great but cannot yet open due to required inspections; Worcester Fitness has been working with us to be ready for opening and is starting to do outreach; new technology has been coming in and getting installed, including a new multi-media system in the lunchroom which is a great improvement for the participants as well as being user friendly for staff; Department of Public Facilities is bidding out new cleaning services; REC mobile markets coming back soon and will include acceptance of EBT for delivery of produce; REC hopes to demonstrate the preparation of a harvest meal; Community gardens are growing well; walking club and FitLot well attended; Trivia program is a hit; Acting class will perform soon; Artist in residence reception took place; 3 programs for Worcester Tercentennial; July will bring 3 summer concerts, elder law forum and "Let's Make Pickles."

It was suggested to invite Dr. Castiel to speak at the September meeting of the Commission on Elder Affairs.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm. (m/s/a)