

## Senior Center Committee Meeting Feb. 11, 2014

Present: Robin Bahr Casey-Chair; Tom Cullinane; Steve Greenberg; Amy Waters-staff; Patty Hainsworth-staff; Song-Jin Yang-intern.

The meeting was called to order at 128 Providence St. at 4 p.m. Robin requested that Steve fill in for her as Chair of the Commission for the February meeting and he accepted. There was discussion about the date, time and agenda for the Commission meeting to be attended by City Manager Augustus. The minutes of the 1/14/14 Senior Center Committee were approved (m/s/a). The next committee meeting was confirmed for March 11<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.

Finances: Amy reported on the following: The FY'15 Governor's budget recommends level funding for municipalities and COA's; The City administration will be watching the state budget carefully and may need to plan for cuts as level funding does not cover rising costs; A renewal proposal for Healthy Aging programs was submitted to Greater Worcester Community Foundation's Fallon OrNda Fund; and, the MA Dept of Public Health awarded the Worcester DPH a multi-year, multi-million dollar grant which includes funds for fall prevention which Elder Affairs will help to implement. The Committee reviewed progress on the expenditures of the allocations approved at the last meeting. Patty explained that the Cable Services Division will be partnering on planning & funding the multi-media system upgrade. The committee also reviewed the mid-year report on transportation usage and costs, and concluded that the allocation for this service is more than adequate. The program evaluation process was discussed, as was the need to review the participant fee policy. Amy noted that a party which already visited the vacant space once, is planning a second tour for further development consideration.

Operations: Patty and Amy reviewed staffing changes, including Building Services gaining a half time employee and a senior aide, one of our temporary receptionists being out due to medical issues and a new senior aide set to start helping with reception duties. Patty reported that the facility's heating and kitchen equipment issues have been under control this month and that quotes for carpet, painting and window replacements are being gathered. Patty also reported on two Black History month programs, the upcoming valentines and variety show events as well as the many seniors having their taxes prepared by AARP at the Senior Center. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. (m/s/a)

