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

Tuesday July 14, 2020 12 noon via Webex

The next meeting of the Senior Center Committee will be held on **Tuesday July 14th, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.** via Webex. If you cannot attend, please respond to this e-mail or call Jennifer Linch at 508-799-1232 x48009. Thank you.

- I. Senior Center Committee Chair
  - a. Call to Order / Approval of June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 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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Worcester Senior Center Committee 6/16/20 via webex

Members Present: Robin Bahr Casey-Chair, Caroline Sullivan, Richard Shea, Chizoma Nosiki, Fran Langille.

Staff Present: Amy Waters, Patty Hainsworth, Dawn Skoglund, Jennifer Linch

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by Robin. The minutes of the February 2020 meeting were approved as distributed (m/s/a). The minutes of the March 2020 meeting were approved as distributed (m/s/a)

Patty gave a brief update on operations during the pandemic including: staff and volunteers have made over 10,000 wellness check calls to Worcester seniors and many of them have been referred to senior services for assistance; staff and volunteers (including UMASS Medical Students) have been making reassurance buddy calls to seniors who request it; volunteers have made and distributed hundreds of masks; staff and volunteers are assisting with HIP food deliveries; The community garden has been planted by staff and volunteers; many wonderful programs have been developed & video'd for viewing on cable channel 192 as well as online; all CDC and city regulations are adhered to carefully to prevent the spread of the virus. Members praised the staff for providing needed services during the pandemic.

Amy reviewed three **FY'21 allocations** scenarios with the committee, which voted to recommend the following contingent upon available funding:

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| 1)Af Amer Elder Coord.               | \$4,441   |
| 2)Club 60+ Latino Elder Group Coord. | \$21,094  |
| 3)Computer lab                       | \$4,850   |
| 4)Chinese Elder/Respite              | \$21,094  |
| 5)Elder Home Maint.                  | \$17,995  |
| 6)Eld O.R. St.Pauls                  | \$111,308   |
| 7)Eld O.R. Ascentria                 | \$23,748  |
| 8)ESWA Nutrition                     | \$5,315   |
| 9)Fitness/Wellness Programs          | \$11,695  |
| 10)Interpreters                      | \$10,000  |
| 11)Transportation                    | \$14,000  |
| 12) age/dementia friendly            | \$8,400   |
| 13) walking club                     | \$1,731   |
| 14)landscaping                       | \$4,500   |
| 15)COA Personnel                     | \$178,913   |
| 16)Dues/Training                     | \$4,520   |
| 17)2% COA Admin. Fee                 | \$7,006   |
| 18)Fee Subsidies,Programs,Suppies    | \$11,000  |
| 19))Contingency                      | <u>\$7,248</u>                                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                         | <b>\$468,858 = 2.5% below FY'20 level (m/s/a)</b> |

Richard made a motion that the Commission on Elder Affairs request that the City Manager support a communication to federal and state legislators to approve the CARES Act to ensure adequate funding to serve the city's older population. (m/s/a) See attached draft.

There was discussion on factors involved in re-opening the Senior Center building, and it was noted that Amy and Patty will be meeting with various city personnel to plan for this. Amy reported that the Anderson Building has been demolished and trees have been removed to make way for the parking lot renovation.

With input from the committee members and staff, Robin scheduled the next meeting of the committee scheduled for 12 noon on Tuesday July 14, 2020. It will be determined at a later date, whether it will be via webex or in person. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. (m/s/a).

