

Senior Center Committee of Commission on Elder Affairs Notice/Agenda

The Senior Center Committee meeting will be held on:

Tuesday March 12, 2024, at NOON via Microsoft Teams

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AGENDA

- I. Senior Center Committee Chair
 - a. Call to Order / Approval of minutes for Feb. 13, 2024
 - b. Confirm date and time of next meeting-April 9. 2024 at noon on Teams.

- 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 February 13, 2024

Present: Richard Shea-Chair; Fran Langille; Kathan Horne; Facely Henriquez, Patty Hainsworth, Amy Waters

Richard called the virtual meeting to order at 12:02 pm on TEAMS. The next meeting was confirmed for March 12th at noon on TEAMS. The minutes of the January 9th meeting were approved (m/s/a).

Amy reported on and the committee discussed the following: Funding is stable and the Elder Affairs FY'25 budget request will be discussed with the City Manager on March 11th; Program allocation budget is amended to show a lower cost for the carpet project; Some of the remaining contingency funding may be expended on various security devices; The law and purchasing departments of the city were consulted on how to proceed with tenant agreements and a conclusion was reached as advised by the Deputy City Solicitor that continuing with license agreements instead of leases would be correct as a license gives an entity permission to conduct certain activities as opposed to having exclusive right to use the building; Committee members made and approved 4 motions which authorizes Amy to negotiate with 4 tenants regarding their licenses within an established range for fees and terms (m/s/a); Regarding development of the vacant space, Dr. Castiel and Amy are scheduled to meet with the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs housing expert this week; and the new Senior Services Assistant is working out well.

Patty reported on and the committee discussed the following: New carpets were installed this past weekend and the project will be finished soon; a recent minor gas leak was addressed by the Fire Dept. and fixed by Eversource; Alarm issues prompted a meeting with representatives of the Senior Center, Public Facilities, Police, and QCC to look at additional security measures; special programs included one about bank fraud which was well attended despite being rescheduled for snow, Black History concert with a special African Meal developed by QCC, Lunar New Year, Barbie movie with exhibit and discussion, and Elvis is performing tomorrow for Valentine's Day; March brings the popular St. Patrick's Dave event as well as the restart of Friends trips and other special programs; and tax preparation services are going well via AARP.

Richard reminded everyone of the revised Commission meeting schedule and adjourned the meeting at 12:55 pm (m/s/a).

