

Report to Commission on Elder Affairs
Senior Center Committee Meeting 10/8/19

Present: Robin Bahr Casey-Chair; Caroline Sullivan, Paul Johnson, Dick Pinkes, Meg Coffin, Amy Waters, Patty Hainsworth, Matt Urban-EAM.

Robin called the meeting to order at 4 pm. The minutes of 9/10/19 were approved (m/s/a).

Most items on the agenda were bypassed to concentrate on II.A.4. Development. Matt Urban, a project coordinator from the City's Division of Energy and Asset Management reviewed the plans for renovation at the Senior Center:

- 1) Pavement Reclamation (parking lot)
- 2) Anderson Building Demolition (to support RFP for vacant space)
- 3) Internal Renovation (Fitness Center & Activity Room)

The committee reviewed a scaled down version of #3 due to the higher than expected cost of # 1 & 2 as well as the high cost of taking down load bearing walls for the Activity Room and putting in the planned stairway. Depending upon the City administration securing additional funds, the project may be phased to renovate the first floor into a fitness room starting during the winter of 2020, delaying the work on the Activity Room. Amy noted that we are in great need of additional activity space so we may want to discuss with BC/BS the possibility of leaving some of the Fitness Center as open space, purchasing less equipment from their donation for the first phase. Process issues were also discussed regarding the parking lot renovation which is projected to be finished in November 2019. A temporary extra parking lot has been secured from Worcester Academy if needed during renovations.

Amy informed the Committee of a revised budget for the dementia friendly work and previewed a potential AARP project.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. (m/s/a)