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

The next meeting of the Senior Center Committee will be held on **Tuesday February 9, 2021 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 January 12, 2021 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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Report to the Commission on Elder Affairs

Senior Center Committee Meeting 1/12/21

Present: Robin Bahr Casey-Chair, Caroline Sullivan, Richard Shea, Chizoma Nosike, Fran Langille, Patty Hainsworth, Amy Waters.

The meeting was called to order by Robin via webex at 12:05 pm. The minutes of 11/10/20 were approved (m/s/a). The next meeting was confirmed for 2/9/21 at noon.

Finances: Amy reviewed and the committee discussed the following: status of city and state funding; projected spending leaving at least $18,012 available for reallocation currently; a review of the CDBG kitchen appliance project; a review of the proposal received from the Southeast Asian Coalition of Central MA; the status of current tenants with which Amy is working in consultation with the law dept; and the bid received to develop the vacant 26 wing. A motion was made and approved to:
Allocate $5,000 to the Southeast Asian Coalition of Central MA to support the delivery of food to seniors for approximately 8 weeks during the pandemic. (m/s/a)

A second motion was made to:
Allocate up to $13,000 to supplement the $36,000 Community Development Block Grant to purchase all 4 proposed appliances including installation and take-away, with the caveat that the lowest priority, the electric combi oven, would be dropped if there were still not enough funds, to be revisited at a later date. (m/s/a)

Operations: Patty reviewed and the committee discussed the following: remediation of hazmat in the area to be the fitness center is in process; work has started to install the ionization air filters in the RTU’s; a boiler valve was repaired; senior aides are not currently assisting building services due to the heightened risk of covid; students are making valentine cards for seniors at home; plans are being made to provide tax preparation assistance to seniors via AARP at the Senior Center using covid precautions as approved by the City Manager; Grab and Go meals and HIP 2 Go deliveries continue to assist seniors who need food; Remote programming continues on TV Channel 192, Facebook and YouTube; various interactive zoominars are taking place; and Dementia Friendly Worcester is planning an event for April ’21.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm (m/s/a)