Senior Center Committee-Commission on Elder Affairs
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Tuesday, May 11, 2021 12:00 pm | 1 hour | (UTC-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
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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 **May 11, 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 of April 13, 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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Senior Center Committee Meeting 4/13/21

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

Robin called the meeting to order on webex at 12:05. The minutes of the 3/3/21 meeting were approved (m/s/a). The next meeting was confirmed for 5/11/21 at noon. The status and challenges of getting seniors vaccinated were discussed. The Senior Center remains a “warm” clinic site, meaning it is set up to be used as a clinic when needed.

Amy reviewed the committee discussed the attached projected timeline which demonstrates how renovations may impact potential reopening for programs & services. It was acknowledged that a lot will depend on the course of the pandemic as well as the need for using the Senior Center lunchroom as a vaccination clinic. It was also acknowledged that having these projects completed while the center is closed is timely and will give seniors positive changes to come back to. Amy noted that the FY’22 budget process continues, having a good review meeting with the City Manager; the state formula grant will be impacted by a later than usual federal census outcome, however contingency plans are being made.

Patty provided and overview of April and May programming including collaborations with Worcester Art Museum, the Audubon Society, and more. She also discussed the special focus on dementia this month with tomorrow’s forum being video’d for the public as well as Dr. Budson’s talk already being on Channel 192. She also noted that Dr. Charles Steinberg will be involved in making seniors welcome at Polar Park.

Patty noted that it was announced that the former “Voke” school in Lincoln Square will be developed for affordable elder housing. Fran shared information about a Digital Equity organization.

The meeting adjourned at 1 pm. (m/s/a)
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<th>2021 Worcester Senior Center</th>
<th>Estimated Time Line</th>
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<td><strong>Capital project's impact on space use</strong></td>
<td>May</td>
<td>June</td>
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<td>THERMAL SOLAR on roof impacts lunchroom and parking lot (front &amp; near lunchroom)</td>
<td>Safety &amp; noise concerns.</td>
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<td>FITNESS CENTER mainly in unoccupied space with some use of stairwells &amp; parking lot. Noise concern.</td>
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<td>SOLAR CANOPY impacts full back parking lot. May be able to phase so 30+-spaces available. Safety &amp; noise concerns.</td>
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<td>FIT LOT outside exercise equipment ADA accessible pathway needed impacts front drive-thru. CDBG KITCHEN APPLIANCE installation impacts kitchen</td>
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<td><strong>Potential Programming contingent on city,state,CDC rulings.</strong> Also contingent on use for clinics.</td>
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<td>ONE TO ONE APPOINTMENTS- entrances would need to change depending on capital work.</td>
<td>senior service staff assistance w/basic needs, SHINE health insurance couns., health screenings, technology tutoring, use plexiglass &amp;/or distancing.</td>
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<td>GRAB &amp; GO lunches, activity kits, HIP 2 Go-Farmer's Market lunch locations would need to change depending on capital work.</td>
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<td>COMMUNITY GARDENING will need to stay away from solar project areas PARKING LOT outside activities</td>
<td>(need tent &amp; fans for heat &amp; rain, room to distance, bathrooms) feasible? Not if neighborhood still a &quot;hot spot.&quot;</td>
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<td>SMALL GROUPS rotating for education, entertainment, tai chi, meditation, gentle yoga, socialization, games, multi-cultural activities, meetings.</td>
<td>eg 9-10:30, 11:30-1, 2-3:30 Some loss of parking Parking in front or come by bus</td>
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<td>FIT LOT training when walkway complete (need access to bathrooms)</td>
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<td>Congregate Meals &amp; Fitness Classes when deemed safe-full public opening in November if pandemic under control.</td>
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<td>Maintain Grab &amp; Go Meals etc &amp; Remote Programming</td>
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Note: Tenants may not exceed 1-1 meetings until Senior Center moves to larger activities.