Senior Center Committee of Commission on Elder Affairs Notice/Agenda

The next meeting of the Senior Center Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 12 noon at 128 Providence Street. Members who cannot attend this meeting should contact Amy at 508-799-1232 X48013 or watersa@worcesterma.gov.

AGENDA

I. Senior Center Committee Chair
   a. Call to Order / Approval February 8, 2022 minutes
   b. Confirm date and time of next meeting-PROPOSE APRIL 19TH AT NOON (instead of April 12th)

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 8, 2022

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

Robin called the meeting to order on Webex at 12:05 p.m. The 1/11/22 meeting minutes were approved (m/s/a). The next meeting was confirmed for 3/8/22 at noon. Amy noted that the Senior Center doors will reopen on Monday 2/14/22 (and Elvis will be in the house).

**Finances:** Amy reported on, and the committee discussed the following: State COA funding should be coming in as expected this month; the preliminary FY’23 budget meeting went well with discussion on the full cost of operating the new fitness center as well as the capital request for various technology; As part of the budget process additional goals and objectives will be created including at least one to address racial equity; the rising cost of transportation via Safeway needs to be addressed; special outreach to seniors in five housing authority buildings is planned; and, the Committee voted to renew the one year licenses for tenants coming due on 3/31/22 including: Seven Hills-RSVP/Senior Companion, QCC classrooms, Wellness Works Yoga, Pastoral Counseling, and Our Deaf Survivors Center (m/s/a);

**Operations:** Patty reported on, and the committee discussed the following: repairs being made to roof and front door; next month we will lose our senior aides but it is expected that the Public Facilities Dept. will contract for cleaning during business hours; the fence in the parking lot is down as the Solar Canopy project is nearly completed; good progress is being made on the fitness center renovation despite supply chain problems; began the process of ordering furniture, fixtures and equipment for the fitness center; reopening the senior center next week should go smoothly with most program instructors returning and large events limited to 50 people; the Board of Health lifted the mask mandate as of 2/18/22, so the senior center will operate as “mask friendly;” Black History month will be celebrated with “Songs of Freedom;” Technology teaching will continue; St. Patrick’s Day will be hybrid of onsite and remote; remote programming continues with new programs; a new acting class is being introduced; multicultural meals are being phased back in as grab/go/delivery as well as onsite; AARP is not offering tax prep assistance at the Senior Center but there are other limited resources for referrals.

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