

Senior Center Committee of Commission on Elder Affairs Notice/Agenda

The Senior Center Committee meeting will be held on:

Tuesday June 13, 2023, at NOON via ZOOM- Join Meeting:

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AGENDA

- I. Senior Center Committee Chair
 - a. Call to Order / Approval of minutes for May 9, 2023
 - b. Confirm date and time of next meeting-September 12, 2023 at noon on zoom, unless needed over the summer.

- 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 Commission on Elder Affairs
Senior Center Committee Meeting May 9, 2023

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

Richard called the meeting to order at noon on zoom. The minutes of the April 11, 2023 meeting were approved. (m/s/a). The next meeting was confirmed for Tuesday June 13, 2023 at noon on zoom.

Amy reported on and the committee discussed the following: The FY'24 State budget process continues with the likelihood of receiving at least level funding for COA's remaining good; The city manager's FY'24 budget recommendations were sent to City Council and include converting two temporary part-time senior services positions into two full-time grant funded regular employees, as well as salary increases for all; Ascentria's answer to Richard's question from last month-the Arabic Elder Group is comprised of people from Iraq, Syria, Palestine/Israel, Lebanon and Jordan; After review and discussion the following was approved:

FY'24 allocations are recommended contingent on available funding (tax levy, state COA, FallonHealth, Friends, SNAP) as follows:

Program	FY'24 Allocation	
<i>African American Elder Program</i>	5,728	
<i>Computer Lab</i>	2,400	
<i>Elder Home Maintenance</i>	18,906	
<i>Elder Outreach-St. Paul's</i>	127,289	
<i>Elder Outreach-Ascentria</i>	24,950	
<i>Elder Services Nutrition</i>	5,584	
<i>Fitness/Wellness</i>	32,000	
<i>Interpretation</i>	5,000	
<i>Transportation</i>	14,000	
<i>Dementia Friendly</i>	3,500	
<i>Walking Club</i>	2,000	
<i>COA Personnel (sal,tax,fr per city)</i>	379,612	
<i>Dues/Training</i>	9,000	
<i>2% COA grant fee</i>	8,899	
<i>Misc Fees/Supplies</i>	11,000	
<i>Fitness Center</i>	347,707	
<i>Contingency</i>	34,824	
TOTAL	\$1,032,399	(m/s/a)

Amy also reviewed and the committee discussed rental agreements and the following was approved:

Recommend one year extension for the following tenants: Quinsigamond Community College, SMCH Meditation Association, and Prime Movement. (m/s/a)

Finally, Amy noted that a second potential developer toured the vacant wing of the building.

Patty reviewed May and June programs including hybrid Mahjong and Canasta; outside walking club; FitLot; Wellness Series; Mother's Day; Mental Health Awareness; Distinguished Speakers; and new crossword puzzle group. Regarding building and grounds, she reported on the successful electricity temporary shutdown; steps taken to repair external door; and the status of various gardens.

Richard asked if there were any changes in our COVID guidelines due to the national emergency policy ending. Patty and Amy answered that masks continue to be optional; we distribute masks, sanitizer, tests and information; we have publicized the recommendation for an additional booster for age 65+ or those with compromised immune system and DPH will hold a clinic at the Center if there is enough interest.

Fran thanked the staff for the volunteer recognition event and urged attendance at the upcoming mental health awareness program hosted by former Commission Chair, now NAMI President, Robin Bahr Casey.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm (m/s/a).