

Senior Center Committee of Commission on Elder Affairs Notice/Agenda

The next meeting of the Senior Center Committee will be held on **Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 12 p.m. via webex**. Members who cannot attend this meeting should contact Amy at 508-799-1232 X48013 or watersa@worcesterma.gov.

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AGENDA

- I. Senior Center Committee Chair
 - a. Call to Order / Approval January 11, 22 minutes
 - b. Confirm date and time of next meeting-March 8,22 @noon

- 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 January 11, 2022

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

Robin called the meeting to order on webex at 12:03. The minutes of the 11/9/21 meeting were approved (m/s/a). The next meeting was confirmed for 2/8/22 at noon. The pandemic situation and the temporary closure of the Senior Center doors to the public was discussed.

Finances

Amy reported on and the committee discussed the following: FallonHealth donated \$200,000 for "Five Years of Fitness" at the WSC to pay for various activities; State COA funding should be coming in this month for FY'22, and it is not clear how the census will impact the FY'23 amount; FY'23 tax levy budget request will not include additional personnel or operating expenses unless it turns out that the operational costs for the new fitness center to be opened this spring is more than budgeted; Robin review the process which is continuing to award a fitness center management contract; Revenues will decrease by approximately \$2,200 due to the reduced rents for January's closure; Most tenant licenses are due for one year renewal by the end of March, with one needing an extension in July; the Southeast Asian Coalition is helping to deliver meals in January for which we have offered to pay similar to last year; and a draft capital request was reviewed and focused on major technology upgrades-if funded, it would make WSC technology easier to use, more efficient and enhance senior center programming while reducing seniors' isolation.

Operations

Patty reported on and the committee discussed the following: The current building and grounds needs and how the Department of Public Buildings hopes to address them through capital and operating budget requests-this includes but is not limited to a building envelope upgrade project as well as completion of the parking lot and fitness center projects; the demolition of the old porches is also being considered; Cultural meals and meal replacements continue as grab and go/delivery in January; AARP will not be doing taxes at the senior center again this year, but there will be some local referrals available in February; Remote program is expanding; and new technology offerings are listed in the Scoop.

The meeting adjourned at 1 p.m. (m/s/a)