

Senior Center Committee of Commission on Elder Affairs Notice/Agenda

The Senior Center Committee meeting will be held on:

Tuesday September 10, 2024, at 12:00 noon via Microsoft Teams

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AGENDA

- I. Senior Center Committee Chair
 - a. Call to Order / Approval of minutes for June 11, 2024
 - b. Confirm date and time of next meeting: October 8, 2024, NOON, on Teams.

- 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 June 11, 2024

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

Richard called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm at the Senior Center and hybrid on Teams. The minutes of May 14, 2024 were approved (m/s/a). The next meeting was confirmed for September 10, 2024 at noon on Teams.

Amy reported on and the committee discussed the following: FY'25 city and state budgets are still pending but our funding is looking good; Slight adjustments to the FY'25 allocations were reviewed; tenants' license renewals are progressing; tours are being given to prospective developers for the vacant space in the hope they will respond to the city's request for proposals by June 26th. A presentation on the RFP process will be made at the Commission meeting on June 24th.

Patty reported on and the committee discussed the following: Excellent Dementia Friendly Worcester event today; 3 Upward Bound students placed here in July, and possibly another high school student will be helping with the respite program; most of the community gardens are planted; and many programs coming up including the summer concert series.

There was discussion on the recent use of the senior center as an emergency shelter for 5 days for 40 people who were victims of the fire at Washington Heights. It was noted that while it is good that we were able to make this important contribution as a community resource, there are issues to be addressed in the "after action" meeting such as: balancing the needs of 40 people with the approximately 400 people/day who depend on the senior center for food, socialization, fitness and much more; the importance of pre-planning, perhaps establishing MOU's with other organizations which can serve as shelters in various circumstances; and looking towards planning for more frequent extreme weather events which are likely to occur. Amy and Patty will convey these concerns as well as other logistical feedback.

The meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m. (m/s/a).