

## 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](mailto: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 19<sup>TH</sup> AT NOON (instead of April 12<sup>th</sup>)
  
- 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)