

REPORT TO COMMISSION ON ELDER AFFAIRS
Senior Center Committee Meeting 9/12/17

Present: Theresa Eckstrom-Chair; Robin Bahr Casey, Gail Schuyler, Tom Cullinane, Chris Evans, Amy Waters, Patty Hainsworth, and guest-Jack Casey.

Theresa called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The minutes of 6/13/17 were approved (m/s/a). The next meeting was confirmed for 10/10/14 at 4:00 p.m. Robin was welcomed as a returning member, re-appointed by the City Manager.

Finances- Amy reported on and the committee discussed the following: FY'18 tax levy funding has been stable; FY'18 state COA funding has not been finalized but it is expected that there will be a 2% reduction in the formula grant which will translate into a loss of \$5,838 which will be covered by planned contingency funding. COA Service Incentive grant funding is also expected to be eliminated this year, but our budget doesn't depend on this. The current program budget was reviewed. There was discussion on hiring multi-cultural coordinators, the Ascentria contract, and restoring Zumba classes. Leases and vacancies were reviewed, including the Pastoral Counseling's request to downsize their lease, Dr. Donepudi not going through with his proposed lease, the City Manager's consideration of expanding the Youth Office to a 3rd space, and considering a new tenant-Our Deaf Survivors Center. *The committee voted unanimously on the rental rates to be offered using the Executive Suite model for Pastoral Counseling to rent only one office or two offices, downsizing from the current three offices. (m/s/a) The committee also voted unanimously on the rental rate range to be offered to Our Deaf Survivors Center, a non-profit statewide organization which would provide the Senior Center with education and consultation re: deaf culture as well as sexual and domestic violence issues. (m/s/a)* A new prospective developer was given a tour of the vacant wing over the summer, but no further communication has happened yet. The committee encouraged Amy to follow up with the administration on the status of the parking lot.

Operations- Patty reported on and the committee discussed the following: Senior Aides who started in June have been a great help with the community gardens. We are in the final stages of hiring for the Club 60+ Latino Elder Group Coordinator and the Chinese Elder Group Coordinator. Many new students have begun, or are about to begin assisting in different roles (eg QCC human service and nursing students, WSU nursing students). Two floods due to plumbing issues disrupted operations but damages are almost all fixed. More preventive maintenance will be addressed. There has been some vandalism and petty theft outside this summer, WPD involved when necessary. The new generator and the new fire alarm panel are both tested and in working order. The smaller elevator is due to be fixed soon. Many great programs over the summer including the continuation of the Know Your City series, evidence based and fitness programs and a new meal replacement (take out) offering from QCC on Fridays.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m. (m/s/a)