

REPORT TO COMMISSION ON ELDER AFFAIRS
Senior Center Committee 9/10/19

Present: Paul Johnson, Meg Coffin, Caroline Sullivan, Patty Hainsworth, Amy Waters

Excused: Robin Bahr Casey, Dick Pinkes

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm. The next meeting was confirmed for October 8th at 4:00 pm. Paul moved that the June 11, 2019 minutes be approved (m/s/a).

Finances: Amy reported that City and State funding levels are what we planned for, although the Governor could still make 9c cuts. The loss of our African American Elder Group Coordinator and part-time receptionist early this fiscal year has created a surplus of approximately \$4,000, and that there is still approximately \$13,000 in the contingency line item. Decisions about allocations of this funding will take place later in the year, and may include \$5,537 for the nutrition program which is on hold until the spring. Amy reported that Rosemarie Highland, the Director of St. Paul's Elder Outreach, is retiring and there is a solid transition plan in place. She noted that leases are status quo and the RFP to develop the vacant wing has not gone out yet. The positive progress is that the city is in the process of contracting for the parking lot renovation which may begin at the end of the month, with the Fitness Center project following its completion. It is not yet clear when the Anderson Building will be demolished.

Operations: Patty reported that a hiring recommendation to fill the Principal Clerk (Receptionist) position has been submitted for Human Resources confirmation. Regarding facility and grounds she reported on: the success of our community garden; a major leak which caused damage in the Activity Room and Classroom B is now repaired; A pipe blockage which required closing the bathrooms on all 3 floors of the office wing for several days which is now patched but will be replaced as part of the parking lot project; HVAC system continuing to be adjusted; various door locks being repaired, some of which have caused false alarms; & planning is in process for activation of a paging system. She also reported on programs: Summer concert series/flashback to the 60's was a great success; upcoming programs include sponsored lunches, more concerts, "Be like Brit," and flu clinics. Friends and the pool players paid for an overhaul of the pool table, The Time to Care respite program now has 8 participants and has been operating for a year with a caregiver support group in the planning stages, Dementia Friendly Worcester Action Team is going well and Human Resources is assisting with implementing DFW trainings for City customer service employees. The meeting adjourned at 4:45.