

Senior Center Committee-Commission on Elder Affairs  
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Tuesday, Apr 13, 2021 12:00 pm | 1 hour | (UTC-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)  
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**Meeting Notice and Agenda**  
**Senior Center Committee of the Commission on Elder Affairs**

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The next meeting of the Senior Center Committee will be held on **April 13, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.** via Webex. If you cannot attend, please respond to this e-mail or call Jennifer Linch at 508-799-1232 x48009. Thank you.

- I. Senior Center Committee Chair
  - a. Call to Order / Approval of March 9, 2021 minutes
  - b. Confirm date and time of next meeting
  
- 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
  
- III. Public Comment (up to 2 minutes each)
- IV. Adjournment

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Report to Commission on Elder Affairs  
Senior Center Committee Meeting 3/9/21

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

Robin called the meeting to order at noon on webex. The minutes of the 2/9/21 meeting were approved (m/s/a). The date of the next meeting was confirmed for 4/13/21.

Amy reviewed the following with the committee: staff continues to focus on helping seniors get vaccinated as the system remains very difficult to use; a modest capital request was submitted for technology and fitness equipment for programming; FY'21 spending was assessed and ideas for utilization were discussed; additional funds for the CDBG kitchen appliance project should not be needed as the project was downsized due to code and space restrictions; Six tenant leases which had lapsed during the pandemic have been renegotiated as one year licenses, with one executed and the rest in signature process; and two active leases will be amended.

Patty reviewed the following with the committee: the work on the fitness center is progressing, with remediation completed and the renovation out to bid; the ionization air filter system has been installed throughout the building; remote programming continues to go well, with many St. Patrick's Day events this month and in April the highlight is the Alzheimer's forum and speaker; 38 Arabic cultural meals were distributed in the first of this additional weekly grab and go offering on Fridays; and HIP2Go also joins the Asian cultural meals for Thursday's Grab and Go. Caroline reported on Elder Services preparations to vaccinate homebound clients.

There was discussion about reopening the senior center, noting that we've done what we can do to prepare (plexiglass, PPE, ionization, procedures) and will need to take direction from the state and the city administration. Currently the Senior Center is still being utilized as a vaccination clinic. The community garden is expected to operate on a small scale similar to last year.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm. (m/s/a)