

Senior Center Committee-Commission on Elder Affairs
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Tuesday, Feb 9, 2021 12:00 pm | 1 hour | (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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Meeting Notice and Agenda

Senior Center Committee of the Commission on Elder Affairs

The next meeting of the Senior Center Committee will be held on **Tuesday February 9, 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 January 12, 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 the Commission on Elder Affairs Senior Center Committee Meeting 1/12/21

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

The meeting was called to order by Robin via webex at 12:05 pm. The minutes of 11/10/20 were approved (m/s/a). The next meeting was confirmed for 2/9/21 at noon.

Finances: Amy reviewed and the committee discussed the following: status of city and state funding; projected spending leaving at least \$18,012 available for reallocation currently; a review of the CDBG kitchen appliance project; a review of the proposal received from the Southeast Asian Coalition of Central MA; the status of current tenants with which Amy is working in consultation with the law dept; and the bid received to develop the vacant 26 wing. A motion was made and approved to:

Allocate \$5,000 to the Southeast Asian Coalition of Central MA to support the delivery of food to seniors for approximately 8 weeks during the pandemic. (m/s/a)

A second motion was made to:

Allocate up to \$13,000 to supplement the \$36,000 Community Development Block Grant to purchase all 4 proposed appliances including installation and take-away, with the caveat that the lowest priority, the electric combi oven, would be dropped if there were still not enough funds, to be revisited at a later date. (m/s/a)

Operations: Patty reviewed and the committee discussed the following: remediation of hazmat in the area to be the fitness center is in process; work has started to install the ionization air filters in the RTU's; a boiler valve was repaired; senior aides are not currently assisting building services due to the heightened risk of covid; students are making valentine cards for seniors at home; plans are being made to provide tax preparation assistance to seniors via AARP at the Senior Center using covid precautions as approved by the City Manager; Grab and Go meals and HIP 2 Go deliveries continue to assist seniors who need food; Remote programming continues on TV Channel 192, Facebook and YouTube; various interactive zoominars are taking place; and Dementia Friendly Worcester is planning an event for April '21.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm (m/s/a)