

## Senior Center Committee of Commission on Elder Affairs Notice/Agenda

The Senior Center Committee meeting will be held on:

**Tuesday October 8, 2024, at 12:00 noon via Microsoft Teams**

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### AGENDA

- I. Senior Center Committee Chair
  - a. Call to Order / Approval of minutes for Sept.10, 2024
  - b. Confirm date and time of next meeting: Nov. 12, 2024, NOON, on Teams.
  
- 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 – September 10, 2024

Present: Richard Shea, Chair; Kathan Horne; Noreen Shea; Facely Henriquez; Patty Hainsworth; Amy Waters

Richard called the meeting to order in Teams at 12:07 pm. The minutes for June 11, 2024 were approved (m/s/a). The next meeting was confirmed for Teams on October 8, 2024, at noon.

Amy reported on and the committee discussed the following: funding is stable; the '25 allocation budget was adjusted to show the COA formula increase to \$15/elder as well as other adjustments to reflect actuals; and space licenses and contracts are in place except for waiting on the state's version of QCC licenses.

She reported that the development process of the vacant building continues. Two bids from non-profit organizations are under consideration: 1) Worcester Community Housing Resources partnering with Senior Connections (formerly CMAA); and 2) Rogerson Communities. The City's Economic Development Department submitted additional questions for clarification to each bidder. The final evaluation is expected to be completed by October 2024.

Patty reported on and the committee discussed the following: Great summer programming included Christmas in July, Railroad in Song, Thoreau talk, Alzheimer's talk, new chair yoga and volleyball, classic car show, Isabella Gardner Heist talk, Paw Parade, Aging & Alcohol, and summer concert series; September brings the fall prevention program as well as the Abby Kelly Foster play; Community Gardens are wrapping up; Fitness Center participants over 850; and DPF is preparing to paint and repair the restrooms. In response to Richard's question, Patty reported that most participants are using their cards to swipe in.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m. (m/s/a)