

Report to the Commission on Elder Affairs  
Senior Center Committee 10/13/15 Minutes

Present: Robin Bahr Casey-Chair; Theresa Eckstrom, Chris Evans, Patty Hainsworth, Lauren St. Pierre-intern.

Excused: Gail Schuyler, Tom Cullinane

Robin called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. There were no changes made to the 9/8/15 minutes. The next meeting was confirmed for November 10<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. The committee acknowledged Robin's leadership as her term ends this month. The City Manager has appointed Theresa Eckstrom as the new Chair of the Commission. The new Commissioner of Health and Human Services, Dr. Mattie Castile will attend the November Commission meeting.

Finances: Amy provided updates on the following: Friends fundraising has been boosted by a \$2,000 contribution from Country Bank; The City Budget Director and Analyst reviewed the first quarter expenditures at a meeting with staff today and reviewed potential capital requests; A revised budget was distributed which reflects COA allocations; A COA Service Incentive Grant will be requested to enhance the Senior Support Team and Multi-cultural Outreach; The PWTF grant is lagging in its payments but the falls prevention work continues; UMass Memorial and Medical School will be applying for a research grant to supplement the falls prevention project; the Seniors Helping Seniors lease amendment is in process; and various capital and development issues were discussed with the City Manager and his staff at a recent tour of the Senior Center building. Amy also reviewed capital needs and potential resources.

Operations: Patty reported on facility issues including adjusting to the new security system and continued inconsistency with the HVAC. She also reported on programming including the Multi-cultural potluck this week; the upcoming health and safety fair; Medicare open enrollment programs; Veterans Day event and more. She noted that many students continue to work with us and that we've received only positive feedback on the new Scoop newsletter format. Chris suggested that we post more informational items on Facebook and then archive them on the website. Amy and Patty will look at finding resources to boost social media content, noting that the Fitness Challenge videos are almost ready to post.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.