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DATE: October 19, 2020
TO: Commission on Elder Affairs & Interested Parties
FROM: Robin Bahr Casey, Chair
SUBJECT: Meeting Notice and Agenda

The next meeting of the **Commission on Elder Affairs** will be held on **Monday, October 26, 2020 at 4 pm via webex**. If you cannot attend the business meeting, please contact Amy Vogel Waters at 508-799-1232 x48013 or WatersA@worcesterna.gov.

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

- I. Commission on Elder Affairs Chair
 - a. Call to Order/Roll Call
 - b. Approval of Commission Minutes of September 21, 2020
 - c. Approval of Senior Center Committee Report on October 13, 2020 meeting
- II. Elder Affairs Staff Reports
 - a. Director Report - Strategic Plan Goal and Objectives
 - b. Senior Center Operations Director Report
 1. Developing and Offered Programs
 2. Facility and Grounds
 - c. Manager of Senior Services & Education Report
 1. Outreach, Information, Referral and Advocacy
 2. Multi-cultural Programs & more
- III. Commission on Elder Affairs Chair
 - comments &/or questions from Commission members
 - comments from others-up to 2 minutes each
 - confirm next meeting- November 23, 2020, 4 pm.
 - Adjourn

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Commission on Elder Affairs via Webex
Minutes September 21, 2020

Present: Robin Bahr Casey-Chair, Paul Franco, Noreen Shea, Richard Pinkes, Kathan Horne, Theresa Eckstrom, Caroline Sullivan, Chizoma Nosike, Facely Henriquez, Nghia Le, Amy Waters, Patty Hainsworth, Linda Wincek-Moore.

Robin called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. The minutes of the 8/4/20 Commission meeting were approved (m/s/a). The Senior Center Committee 9/1/20 report were accepted (m/s/a).

Amy noted that Worcester is now in the red zone for Covid cases so we must continue to take precautions carefully. She highlighted the following in her report: Spending remains conservative due to the lack of certainty of FY'21 public funding; 85 different programs have been provided so far this year and over 19,000 senior contacts made; working with Worcester State University on obtaining laptops for seniors; assisting public health and emergency management to prepare plan for vaccine distribution when available; staff roles continue to adjust, e.g. 5 staff worked at Saturday flu clinic; No changes with leases; No changes with development plans for vacant space; usual marketing continues including article in Worcester Business Journal; and, Senior Center is being used as election site.

Patty reported on the following: coordinated drive by flu clinic in which CVS successfully immunized 150 seniors; 10/1 is the start date for Grab and Go meals, starting with Asian/Vegan meals prepared by QCC as part of the ESWA nutrition program; many new remote programs such as a live zoom mahjong 2 day event in which 80 seniors participated; preparing the senior center for reopening-shampooed carpets, replace furniture, fixed locks etc.; Obtained estimate for Plexiglas and will work with Energy & Asset Management on installation and obtaining other items such as automatic sanitizer dispensers; W.I.S.E. is one of our new program collaborators; and, the Distinguished Speaker series will feature the 19th amendment.

Linda reported on the virtual clerkship she is assisting UMASS Medical to implement; SHINE health insurance assistance for upcoming open enrollment; a video being developed on dealing with holiday stress during the pandemic; and the Senior Support Team's efforts such as falls prevention.

Members discussed Plexiglas use, status of Adult Day Health Centers, and the importance of maintaining the health & safety of our vulnerable population.

The next meeting was confirmed for October 26th at 4 pm.
Today's meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m. (m/s/a)

REPORT TO COMMISSION ON ELDER AFFAIRS

Senior Center Committee Meeting Minutes 10/13/20

Present: Robin Bahr Casey-Chair, Richard Shea, Caroline Sullivan, Chizoma Nosike, Patty Hainsworth, Amy Waters, Duncan Calder-intern.

The meeting was called to order via Webex at 12:05 pm. The minutes of 9/1/20 were approved (m/s/a/). The next meeting was confirmed for 10/10/20 at noon.

Finances: After review, the committee approved an approach to responding to a reduction in funding should it occur in 2020. (m/s/a). Amy reported on working with the City Law Department on licenses for tenants use of the building. Also discussed was the license for QCC to provide Grab and Go cultural meals and other services via the kitchen. Amy presented an emergency request to provide temporary space for state licensed school age childcare in the Activity and Crafts rooms in the Senior Center through February with an option to terminate with 30 days notice. Two motions were made by Dick Shea and both were approved: 1) Recommended leasing space to the YWCA if needed on a temporary basis for childcare; (m/s/a) 2) Recommended a range in which to negotiate a rental fee which may be reduced by the cost of unreimbursed professional cleaning services provided by the YWCA. (m/s/a) Amy reported that today she was informed that the City has gone out to bid for a second time to seek a developer for the vacant 26/nurses wing. The RFP can be found on the city website and is due 11/20/20. The Economic Development Department is managing the bid process and the contractor is expected to make a presentation to the Commission on Elder Affairs prior to the contract being awarded.

Operations: Patty reported on the following: Senior Aides are working 20 hours/week cleaning up the senior center grounds. The parking lot is nearing completion, waiting for the rain garden plantings. Walgreens is partnering to provide a drive-through flu clinic this Thursday morning. The multicultural Grab and Go meal started successfully and will expand via QCC. An array of programs continue to be provided remotely. Amy and Patty reviewed the updates to the senior center reopening plan.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm. (m/s/a)