

SENIOR CENTER COMMITTEE 11/14/17

PRESENT: Theresa Eckstrom-Chair, Robin Bahr-Casey, Tom Cullinane, Chris Evans, Paul Johnson, Patty Hainsworth, Amy Waters.

Theresa called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. It was noted that Gail Schuyler has resigned from the Committee and Commission due to time constraints. Members were asked to help recruit new candidates for the Commission.

The minutes of Oct 10, 2017 were approved as distributed. m/s/a
Due to the holidays, the December meeting will be cancelled. (m/s/a). The next meeting will be January 9, 2018 at 4 p.m.

Finances:

Amy reviewed and the committee discussed the following: While the State COA contract has not arrived yet, we are assured of \$9.70/elder for the formula grant; a revised budget was reviewed which reflects the COA reduction; The instability and our heavy reliance on the Senior Aide program was discussed and will be brought to the attention of the City Manager; The third floor is currently filled with tenants as planned; and the status of the parking lot currently being advertised for sale with the Anderson building by St. Vincent Hospital should be clarified soon with the need to use the parking lot for the Senior Center paramount.

Operations:

Patty reported on and the committee discussed the following: Staffing issues include the loss of one receptionist senior aide, the transportation monitor being out sick, and the delay in hiring the Chinese Elder Group Coordinator; Building services is status quo with the grounds work wrapping up; the Veterans event and Sheriff's Symposium both went well; Upcoming events include Know Your City, Thanksgiving, Craft Fair, Manhattan Film Festival and many holiday events; and students remain plentiful.

Suggestions were made for future speakers at Commission meetings. The Age/Dementia Friendly initiative was also discussed briefly. Finally, an update was given on negotiations with the publisher of the Scoop newsletter, the Senior Center and the Friends with possible changes anticipated.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m. (m/s/a)