

DATE: June 21, 2022  
TO: Commission on Elder Affairs & Interested Parties  
FROM: Robin Bahr Casey, Chair  
SUBJECT: Meeting Notice and Agenda for June 27, 2022, 4 pm via ZOOM

The next meeting of the **Commission on Elder Affairs** will be held on **Monday, June 27, 2022 at 4 pm via ZOOM**. Members who cannot attend, please contact Amy Vogel Waters at 508-799-1232 x48013 or [WatersA@worcesterma.gov](mailto:WatersA@worcesterma.gov).

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## BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

- I. Commission on Elder Affairs Chair
  - a. Call to Order/Roll Call
  - b. Approval of Commission Minutes of May 23, 2022 meeting
  - c. Approval of Senior Center Committee Report on June 14, 2022 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- **September 26, 2022**
  - Adjourn

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Commission on Elder Affairs  
May 23, 2022 Minutes

Present: Robin Bahr Casey-Chair, Fran Langille, Caroline Sullivan, Richard Shea, Kathan Horne, Lovo Koleigo, Thuha Le, Noreen Shea, Facely Henriquez, Amy Waters, Patty Hainsworth, Linda Wincek-Moore.

Robin called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm via WebEx. The approval of the minutes and report was held for a quorum later in the meeting.

Amy reported that the Senior Center team continues to pull together to manage during absences. The Age Friendly Worcester event on May 11<sup>th</sup> included an unexpected announcement that the national designation has been awarded by AARP and the event also included recognition for outgoing City Manager Augustus. The HHS/Elder Affairs Budget Hearing at City Council will be tomorrow @5 p.m. and may be viewed on cable channel 192 or live streamed from the city website. Amy thanked Patty for attending in her place this year. The management of the new Fitness Center to open this summer is the only substantially changed budget line item. There have been at least 4 positive covid cases this month and all protocols are being followed.

Patty reported on the landscaping and community garden progress as well as the farmer's market returning in June. There are many new exercise programs and vouchers are being distributed for free participation in honor of Older Americans Month. Recent programs included the RSVP Fraud Squad presentation and Verizon's Cyberseniors 101. Upcoming programs include tercentennial speakers, artist reception, performance by WSC acting class, Aging Gardener (hybrid), concert series and Elder Law-how to prepare for the future.

Linda reported that the Health and Safety Resource Table daily event went well and will return to "fair" style when safer. The city is hosting the Age Friendly website through which commissioners and the public may join committees to support the effort. The Latino Elder Institute has been providing programs for our Latino Elder Group Club 60+ and other participants. Various human service assistance is in great demand and being addressed as well as possible: issues related to health insurance, housing, food and fuel assistance. There was discussion on the RAFT housing assistance program.

The Commission voted to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2022 Commission on Elder Affairs meeting (m/s/a). The Commission also voted to approve the Senior Center Committee report on the May 10, 2022 meeting which included allocation recommendations (m/s/a).

The next meeting was confirmed for June 27, 2022 at 4 p.m. There was discussion regarding mental health awareness events. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m. (m/s/a)

## Senior Center Committee Meeting-June 14, 2022

Present: Robin Bahr Casey-Chair, Richard Shea, Caroline Sullivan, Patty Hainsworth, Amy Waters

Robin called the meeting to order on Zoom at 12:05 pm. The minutes of May 10, 2022 were approved (m/s/a) and the next meeting was confirmed for Sept. 13, 2022 at noon.

Amy reported on and the committee discussed the following: FY 22 tax levy surplus due to unspent money budgeted to manage the Fitness Center was used for technology purchases and returned for use by HHS at the Budget Offices' request; surplus state COA will be carried over for use in FY'23; FY'23 allocations recommended this month include:

- An increase ordained by the city for all employee salaries including the multi-cultural elder group coordinators on the grant funded temporary pool which will be covered for an additional \$4,671 state COA funding for those line items if not forthcoming from the city. (m/s/a)
- \$25,000 for transportation services which, this year will mainly go towards special transit for those who cannot use the WRTA's fixed route or ADA services. The service was bid out and is expected to cost \$21/one way trip. (m/s/a)

The paperwork for tenant licenses are in process for summer implementation and the reduced fee for one tenant's reduced extra usage of the building was noted, and staffing continues to be a challenge balancing time off for illness, caregiving and vacations.

Patty reported on and the committee discussed the following: the parking lot has been resealed and will be relined next week; the fitness center is looking great but cannot yet open due to required inspections; Worcester Fitness has been working with us to be ready for opening and is starting to do outreach; new technology has been coming in and getting installed, including a new multi-media system in the lunchroom which is a great improvement for the participants as well as being user friendly for staff; Department of Public Facilities is bidding out new cleaning services; REC mobile markets coming back soon and will include acceptance of EBT for delivery of produce; REC hopes to demonstrate the preparation of a harvest meal; Community gardens are growing well; walking club and Fitlot well attended; Trivia program is a hit; Acting class will perform soon; Artist in residence reception took place; 3 programs for Worcester Tercentennial; July will bring 3 summer concerts, elder law forum and "Let's Make Pickles."

It was suggested to invite Dr. Castiel to speak at the September meeting of the Commission on Elder Affairs.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm. (m/s/a)