

**REPORT TO THE COMMISSION ON ELDER AFFAIRS
SENIOR CENTER COMMITTEE MEETING 5/14/19**

Present: Robin Bahr Casey-Chair; Dick Pinkes, Paul Johnson, Caroline Sullivan, Meg Coffin, Patty Hainsworth, Amy Waters; and guest: Carla-Worcester State University student

Robin called the meeting to order at 4 pm. The 4/9/19 minutes were approved (m/s/a) and the next meeting was confirmed for June 11th at 4 pm.

Finances: Amy reviewed and discussed the following with committee members-City's 2020 budget hearing is scheduled for 5/21 at 5 pm; copies of the City Manager's recommendations for our division were distributed and discussed, with the highlight being the recommendation for a new full time principal clerk to serve at the reception desk; the State 2020 COA budget was initially underfunded by the Senate but amendments have been filed; a preliminary proposed 2020 budget for the Senior Center was distributed along with back up material; after a comprehensive discussion most items were recommended for approval. Other items will be addressed later in the year and at least \$13,416 was held for contingencies.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to make the following FY'2020 allocations contingent upon funding availability:

Program	FY'20 total	tax levy	coa	friends
African Amer Elder Group	\$4,442		\$4,442	
Club 60+ Latino Elder Group	\$21,094		\$21,094	
Computer lab	\$4,850	\$2,400		\$2,450
Chinese Elder/Respite	\$21,094		\$21,094	
Elder Home Maintenance	\$17,995		\$17,995	
Elder Outreach- St.Pauls	\$111,308	\$59,752	\$51,556	
Fitness/Wellness Programs	\$11,695	\$5,000	\$5,300	\$1,395
Interpreters	\$10,000	\$7,100	\$1,900	\$1,000
Transportation	\$14,000	\$12,200	\$1,800	
Receptionist	\$5,411		\$5,411	
age/dementia friendly	\$6,000		\$6,000	
walking club	\$2,500	\$900	\$1,600	
Misc Fee Subsidies, Programs, Supplies	\$10,155			\$10,155
TOTAL ALLOCATED	240,544	87,352	138,192	15,000

Upcoming lease renewals were also reviewed; and it was noted that the timeline remains fluid for the renovations of the parking lot and fitness room as well as the Request for Proposals to develop the vacant wing.

Operations: Patty reported on the following-fitness vouchers are being well used by participants; “Spend the Day” programs are coming up; Regional Environmental Council’s Mobile Market begins visiting the center again on 6/21 and a grant may bring improvements to our already great community gardens (30 plots established); Dementia Friendly Worcester effort is going well; hazmat signage was put up in vacant wing of the building; issues with the cleaners are being resolved; new kitchen equipment was installed and landscaping is going well.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm. (m/s/a)