

## **BrooklineCAN Steering Committee Notes December 18, 2019**

Attendees: Frank Caro, Katherine Burnes, John Seay, Ruth Seidman, Elenore Parker, Matt Weiss, David Trevvett.

### **1. Note Taker**

- a. Matt Weiss

### **2. Complaints about BrooklineCAN's role in recent Driscoll School special election**

- a. Newsletter announcing the December 10<sup>th</sup> vote was to pro-Yes for some.
- b. Vote No group expected a forum to discuss the issue.

### **3. Affordable housing advocacy (Ruth Seidman)**

- a. GBIO and Brookline for Everyone held a Brookline Justice-in-Housing session on December 15<sup>th</sup> educating people who care with details.
- b. Zoe Line held a sustainability summit in June.
- c. Elenore Parker and Matt Weiss – Attend CDICR Affordability Summit December 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **4. Age-Friendly attention to pedestrian agenda**

- a. Frank reported that Sarah Kaplan suggested a pedestrian summit to the Age Friendly Cities committee.

### **5. Update on JF&CS special project on age-friendly business (Katherine Burnes)**

- a. One good applicant identified for project coordinator.
- b. January newsletter will publish the need for more applicants.
- c. All agreed that the new Project Coordinator would attend the meetings of the Steering Committee.
- d. Kathleen Burnes and John Seay will work on a “prospect collection process”.

### **6. CIDCR plans for a housing affordability initiative**

- a. Initiative – Affordable housing, coalition of groups, requested BrooklineCAN to support their efforts.
- b. Steering Committee – Selected Matt Weiss and Elenore Parker to attend a meeting of CIDCR on December 18<sup>th</sup> at the Health Department Building.

### **7. Treasurers report (John Se.**

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- a. No new expenses.
- b. Note that next meeting we will discuss distribution of newsletters to the libraries.
- c. Extra newsletter expense for printing.

**9. Three renewals** have not been entered yet.

**10. Committee reports**

- a. Finance – See Treasurer’s report.
- b. Communications
  - i. Ruth Seidman – Newsletter passed out at meeting.
  - ii. Matt Weiss – Next AFC-TV show is Sighted Guiding videos produced by AFC-TV and BCOD and the Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually impaired.
  - iii. Ruth Seidman – Networking articles related to recent housing activity.
- c. Membership
  - i. David Trevvett – indicated a new Chair was still needed.
  - ii. Current committee included seven members including him.
- d. Education
  - i. Ruth Seidman – Two events planned on April 30 and June 4<sup>th</sup> (Tech Fair with HSL).
  - ii. MLK Day – Planned “Welcome Blanket” for immigrants and refugees at Kehillath Israel.
- e. Livable community advocacy committee and age-friendly city
  - i. Town Meeting outcomes from BrooklineCAN perspective.
    - 1. CoA share of Transportation Networking funds – Passed (\$77K for TRFIPPS Pilot and Maria Foster).
    - 2. Electric scooters – Discussed at LCAC and Town Meeting and now in hands of Transportation Board – spring issue – watch this space.
    - 3. Accessory dwelling unit bylaw – Passed due to push by affordable housing group.
    - 4. Proposal for real estate transfer tax – Passed due to push by affordable housing groups.
  - ii. All requests from “Diversity agenda” were passed.
  - iii. LCAC Meeting – December 2<sup>nd</sup> scheduled to review legislative proposals for escooters.

**11. New business**

- a. Sustainability agenda would like BrooklineCAN support.

**12. Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 3pm.**