

## **BrooklineCAN Steering Committee Notes February 12, 2020**

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

### **1. Note Taker**

- a. Matt Weiss

### **2. Appointment of nominating committee**

- a. Committee appointed Nominating Committee members Frank Caro, Ruthann Dobek and Ruth.

### **3. Appointment of annual meeting committee**

- a. Committee appointed Annual Meeting Planning Committee members Elenore Parker, Frank Caro, Ruthann Dobek, Julie Washburn, David Trevvett, Roberta Winitzer, Katherine Burnes, Laura Baber, Matthew Weiss and Henry Winkelman.

### **4. Annual election forum on Monday, April 27 from 4 to 6 PM**

- a. Select board candidates include at least 3 people for 2 positions.
- b. Format will be same as last year with final decisions on content by mid-March.
- c. Michael Allen will be the moderator.

### **5. Welltower senior housing proposal on Newbury College site**

- a. Welltower project (Balfour)
  - i. 15% rule requires 15% of the project to support affordable housing through HAB. Work force housing on site would deliver 18 units while money for Colonel Floyd would deliver approximately 40 units of housing for older adults.
  - ii. 2/21 tour of Colonel Floyd attended by members of the steering committee.
- b. Business membership in BrooklineCAN
  - i. Welltower/Balfour joined BrooklineCAN and donated to the Senior Center and Balfour residents are potential BrooklineCAN members.
  - ii. Interest expressed in additional relationship with Senior Center and BrooklineCAN.
- c. Options for fulfillment of affordable housing obligation
  - i. Brooklineforeveryone.com is involved.
  - ii. Ruth Seidman reported that GBIO members are included in a faith group working on affordable housing.
  - iii. Elenore Parker will continue to represent BrooklineCAN on Brookline Together: Solving Our Housing Crisis on Outreach Committee planning March 29 forum (Cancelled).

**6. Follow through on Age-Friendly Business Initiative (Beryl Porter)**

- a. Beryl Porter's mission
  - i. Enlarge membership.
  - ii. Make the community more aware of the AFB project.
  - iii. Arrange meetings with businesses – scheduled.
  - iv. Promote interest in recognition for being part of the program.
  - v. Proposal – List age-friendly businesses on SOOFA signs,
  - vi. Website and packet should include a list of AFBs.

**7. Update on TRIPPS program (Ruthann Dobek)**

- a. Pilot project going well including Lyft coupons.
- b. Reapply for Transportation Networking Company (TNC) funds.
- c. Taxis will not contribute 25% replaced by TNC funds.

**8. Treasurers report (John Seay)**

- a. Income for period is \$3445 - 31 payments averaging \$111.
- b. Balance is \$24,675.

**9. Committee reports**

- a. Finance – See Treasurer's report.
- b. Communications
  - i. Chamber of Commerce describes the Age-Friendly Business program in their media.
  - ii. Ruth Seidman – February newsletter will be published.
  - iii. Arranging to distribute print copies of the BrooklineCAN newsletter to various places around town besides the Senior Center.
  - iv. Locations done this month are: the Brookline Village and Coolidge Corner Public Libraries, Goddard House, Eastern Bank in Coolidge Corner, Brookline Bank in Washington Square, 1550 Beacon Street.
  - v. Ruthann Dobek – Someone at the Senior Center could bring copies to the Putterham Circle Library.
  - vi. Need people for 100 and 112 Centre Street.
  - vii. Other locations that may be suggested.
  - viii. Matt Weiss – Next AFC-TV episode will be Roger Blood on affordable housing.
- c. Membership
  - i. No meeting.
- d. Education (Ruth Seidman and Ruthann Dobek)
  - i. \*Attorney Harry S. Margolis of Margolis & Bloom, LLC, "Get Your Ducks in a Row. The Baby Noomers Guide to Estate Planning" Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup> reception at 6pm, talk at 6:30pm.

- ii. Ailene Gerhardt – Solo Aging – Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>-  
reception at 6pm, talk at 6:30pm.
  - iii. Dr. Katherine Esty – June 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - iv. Technology Expo – June 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - v. Katherine S. Newman book discussion: “Downhill from  
Here: Retirement Insecurity in the Age of Inequality” – Date  
TBD.
  - e. Livable community advocacy committee and age-friendly city
    - i. Property tax relief for seniors
      - 1. Support Susan Granoff warrant article on tax relief for  
older adults.
    - ii. Upcoming presentation by Todd Kirrane
      - 1. LCAC March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.
    - iii. Visit to Col. Floyd and O’Shea House on February 21.
- 10. New business**
- a. None.
- 11. Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 3pm.**