

BrooklineCAN Steering Committee Notes May 15, 2019

Attendees: Frank Caro, Ruthann Dobek, John Seay, Elenore Parker, Ruth Seidman, David Trevvett, Susan Granoff, Matt Weiss.

1. Note Taker

- a. Matt Weiss

2. Report from Nominating Committee

- a. Ruthann Dobek reported that a representative from the Brookline Library might be appointed, but no name yet.
- b. Participation from founders is needed, perhaps Lance Chapman from Goddard, but no CCB/HSL person named yet.

3. Measures to Strengthen Committees: Continuing Discussion

- a. Livability forum – Frank Caro indicated the LCAC responded positively to idea of evening meetings/forums.
- b. Email blast drafted by Elenore and Ruth – Ruth Seidman drafted a letter to the members thanking them and announcing need for leadership roles on committees.
 - i. Letter was reviewed and approved with comments.
 - ii. Decision was made to have another letter drafted by Elenore, Ruth and Katherine Burnes with a focused message from the Steering Committee to the members requesting help with events and committees.

4. Feedback on Election Forum

- a. Frank Caro – Reported the forum was well-attended.
- b. Ruth Seidman – Confusing forum end to people vs. Question 1.
- c. David Trevvett – Indicated there was no follow up for Question 1.
- d. Ruthann Dobek – Many forums besides BrooklineCAN's.
- e. Susan Granoff – Recommended separate hours/sessions for each major contest or issue.

5. Update on use of JF&CS funds for Age-Friendly parks

- a. Printing of revised brochure – Approved and going to printer.
- b. JF&CS and Hillary Tolan – Outings by TRIPPS (Maria Foster) subsidized for public housing and others.

6. Farmers market opportunity on August 15

- a. BrooklineCAN table approved by the committee for 1:30-6:30pm.

7. Next steps on business memberships

- a. Ruthann Dobek – Approaching 2Life and Brookline Bank.
- b. Frank Caro – Approaching Eureka!
- c. Committee agreed to reorganized information for the web site re business memberships and decided to move forward on soliciting more business memberships.

8. Update on advocacy for TRIPPS and subsidized transportation funding

- a. Ruthann Dobek will follow up with Town Meeting in November re support for TRIPPS and older adults transportation needs.

9. Legislative Lobbying Restrictions on BrooklineCAN (Susan Granoff)

- a. Susan Granoff raised the question of the 5013c law re lobbying by a non-profit. Apparently some lobbying is allowed but not a clear line as to what is and is not permitted.
- b. Susan Granoff will draft a policy for the Steering Committee to vote on re using the BrooklineCAN name when one “lobbies”.

10. Opportunity to obtain Tom Mottl’s equipment

- a. The equipment is at no cost, but a plan is needed to use it.
- b. No one was selected or volunteered to do the plan.

11. Treasurer’s report (John Seay)

- a. No change in financial situation from previous meeting.
- b. Vote was requested and passed to increase the BrooklineCAN size from 8½” x 11” to 8½” x 14” at a 30% increase in cost.

12. Committee reports

- a. Finance – See Treasurer’s report.
- b. Annual meeting – See Annual Meeting Planning notes.
- c. Communications
 - i. Newsletter size increase.
 - ii. Episode 22 on recreational marijuana with Dr. Jett and Elder Affairs Officer Mike Disario.
- d. Membership – No report.
- e. Education – No report.
- f. LCAC
 - i. Report on e-scooter LCAC meeting – Well-attended meeting on eScooter Pilot program.
 - ii. Upcoming Age-Friendly Cities Committee meeting focused on recreation.
- g. Member volunteering – See 3. Above.
- h. Repair and referrals – No report.

6. New business – Warrant article 22.

7. Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 3pm.