

Minutes of the Age Friendly Community Committee
January 6, 2016

Present: **Frank Caro, Nancy Daly, Roberta Winitzer, Henry Winkelman, Saralynn Allaire, Anne Reed, Chris Chanyasulkit, Matt Weiss, Shirley Selhub; Absent: Ruthann Dobek, Lloyd Gellineau, Shari Gershenfeld, Pam Zelnick; Others Present: Joanna Baker**

The meeting commenced at 10:05 A.M. in Room 103 of Town Hall.

Note Taker – The committee selected Matt Weiss as Note Taker for the meeting.

Minutes – The Minutes for December 2, 2015 were approved.

2015 Accomplishments Review Document – Frank Caro proposed that the committee produce a formal review of the committee accomplishments since the 2013 review document. The process is as follows:

- Committee members review the 2013 report.
- Each sub-committee send a draft to Frank Caro.
- Outline/draft to be completed before the February committee meeting.

Action Plans for 2016 Projects – include a list of new aspirations and what did and did not accomplish this year.

AFC-TV Show Developments – reception by Brookline Interactive Group (BIG) has improved. The most recent episode with Chris Chanyasulkit and the intern Nathan was a success. The next episode will be in February and will cover the Brookline Library including an overview of the 2016 program. Future show possibilities include Deidre Waxman and Alberta Lipson.

Introduction – Frank Caro introduced Joanna Baker who presented a case for the Age Friendly Cities committee to include a friendly Brookline environment for people with cognitive impairment. The committee currently includes a friendly Brookline environment for people with physical needs. Joanna presented her personal background and described aspects of the Brookline environment. A group including Nancy Daly, Joanna Baker, Saralynn Allaire, Henry Winkelman, and Roberta Winitzer will explore potential involvement of the committee with cognitive impairment. Some items mentioned in the discussion with Joanna were:

- Jewish Family and Child Services (JFCS) is a rich resource for dementia.
- Dementia friendly communities with non-medical and medical intervention exist.
- Brookline provides good support to caregivers.
- Goddard House is an excellent resource in Brookline.
- Glen Campbell documentary is excellent background.
- Nancy Daly helped the Senior Center fund a Caregiver Respite program with her excellent fundraising effort on Dancing with the Stars.

Subcommittee Reports

1. Transportation:
 - a. Frank Caro reported that a hearing was scheduled for January 7th before the Transportation Board related to a new bicycle lane on Beacon Street from Marion Street to Washington Avenue.
 - b. Pedestrian District proposal is to be revived.
 - c. Nancy Daly agreed to invite Andy Papastergion to the next meeting to discuss pedestrian issues.
 - d. When major Beacon Street improvements were made a decade ago, a significant effort was made to provide benches in the commercial areas: St. Mary's, Coolidge Corner, and Washington Square. However, no provisions were made for benches on Beacon Street between the commercial areas. Because there is extensive pedestrian traffic on Beacon Street between the commercial areas, there is reason to add benches between Coolidge Corner and St. Mary's and between Coolidge Corner and Washington Square.
 - e. Frank Caro reported that the Complete Streets panel December meeting was postponed to the second week in January, 2016.
2. Housing: No Report.
3. Health: No Report
4. Library: No Report

The next meeting will be on February 10th 9:30 a.m. in Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 A.M.