

Minutes of the Age Friendly Community Committee
July 12, 2016

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

The meeting commenced at 10:10 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 May 11, 2016 were approved.

Devotion School Parking Issues – Nancy Daly noted that there were street issues re the Devotion school project, with a warrant possible barring parking. All agreed some parking/drop spaces were required.

AFC-TV Show Update – Shirley Selhub reported.

- Erin Gallentine show was possibly the best show so far.
- Due to other obligations, Roberta Winitzer has withdrawn from AFC-TV team and has been replaced as Executive Producer by Shirley Selhub.
- Neil Wishinsky is planned for the September show.
- Nancy Daly suggested a possible low-vision show with Don Bennett as contact.
 - Saralynn Allaire pointed out a mailbox on Green Street located in the middle of the sidewalk as a possible low-vision issue.

Presentation of Biennial Report to Board of Selectmen

- Maintain lines of communication
- Potential requests at presentation
 - Age Friendly Brookline signs at entrance to Brookline
 - Plan for a benches program – work with Neighborhood associations – Neighborhood Alliance
 - Bench backs can block car doors and wheelchairs at car doors

Subcommittee Reports

1. Housing:
 - a. Housing Production Plan
 - i. Plan is now ready for approval by the Planning Board.
 - ii. Plan to be presented by the consultant.
 - iii. Virginia Bullock not available for today's meeting.
 - iv. Planning Board meeting was cancelled.
 - b. Kehillath Israel/JCHE Affordable Senior Housing
 - i. Approved by Housing Advisory Board

- ii. Board of Selectmen approved a letter of support for the concept.
 - iii. Presented to a meeting of the BrooklineCAN Livable Community Advocacy Committee.
 - c. Station Street – Henry Winkelman reported
 - i. Henry Winkelman reported that Senior affordable housing over the Station Street parking lot using the air rights is proceeding smoothly.
 - ii. Next steps include a warrant for the Town Meeting endorsing the concept.
 - d. Senate Bill – Nancy Daly reported
 - i. Senator Creem has referred to a State Senate bill that includes reference to “accessory dwelling units.”
 - ii. Bill appears acceptable, but allows real restrictions.
 - iii. Age Friendly Cities Committee should watch progress of the bill and follow Senator Creem’s comments.
- 2. Transportation
 - a. Frank Caro and Susan Granoff intend to apply to be members of the new Pedestrian Advisory Committee reporting to the Transportation Board.
 - b. TRIPPS has received its second year funding equal to 166% of last year’s amount.
 - c. TRIPPS sessions on 5/17 and 6/16 were held and were well-attended – outreach is working.
 - d. Bicycles have been controlled in high pedestrian areas with 100 walk-your-bike signs installed.
- 3. Health – The Lego display has been removed for the Summer, but will be upgraded and return in the Fall.
- 4. Library
 - a. New web site was launched July 5th, but it is not senior friendly and is more difficult to use. It will be refined.
 - b. A music program for adults will be conducted at the Coolidge Corner Theatre on July 23rd.
- 5. Participation
 - a. September 18th is Brookline Day and Age Friendly Cities Committee will participate.
 - b. Petition will be available at the Age Friendly Cities table for Age Friendly Brookline Cities signs.
- 6. Parks – John & Green Street pocket park is complete except for benches and Parks is working on that.
- 7. Other Business – Susan Granoff reported that a “circuit breaker” approach in addition to the State program is implemented in Sudbury.

The next meeting will be September 7th 10:00 a.m. in Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.