

Minutes of the Age Friendly Cities Committee

March 5, 2019

Present: Frank Caro, Nancy Heller, Ruthann Dobek, Dr. Swannie Jett, Roberta Winitzer, Henry Winkelman, Anne Reed, John Seay, Matt Weiss, Sarah Kaplan

1. Note Taker: The committee selected Matt Weiss as Note Taker for the meeting.
2. Review of Minutes: January 8, 2019 minutes was approved.
3. Accomplishments in 2017 & 2018 and plans for 2019
 - a. All reports have been received except the Council on Aging.
 - b. Recreation report is limited to pickleball for the two years.
 - c. Noted that the Governor's report includes age friendly state-wide efforts and Roberta Winitzer suggested we relate Brookline age friendly activities to state-wide efforts.
 - d. Report on 2017/2018 Complete Streets funding and explore 2019 Complete Streets funding opportunities.
 - e. Frank Caro pointed out that our age friendly effort were initiated and conducted under the aegis of the WHO rather than AARP which came later.
 - f. Dr. Jett and Frank Caro agreed to reach out to strengthen the Health Department report and Recreation Department report.
 - g. Sarah Kaplan pointed to the data collection problem, e.g., much more than 70% of veterans listed are older adults.
 - h. Sarah Kaplan agreed to work with Frank Caro to produce a Google Form for data collection for accomplishment reports.
4. Age-Friendly organization structure.
 - a. Frank Caro distributed a chart of the 2019 organization structure of the Age Friendly Cities Committee.
 - b. Sarah Kaplan identified Annabel Lane, a Social Worker and Lieutenant Jennifer Paster as key individuals in the Brookline PD related to Public Safety.
 - c. Leigh Jackson is Acting Director of the Recreation Department.
5. Double disability issue: living with a disability in a building with a disabled elevator
 - a. Sarah Kaplan described the impact of a disabled elevator on a resident in a condominium with a disability versus a resident with a disability in a rental building with a disabled elevator.
 - b. Rentals with an elevator down can be fined daily by the Health Department.
 - c. Condominium residents are owners or tenants of unit owners and are directly impacted by any fine.
6. Information Dissemination – Matt Weiss Reported
 - a. Michael Allen, Senior Center Social Worker, is the new Executive Producer of AFC-TV.
 - b. Episode 21 of AFC-TV was recorded today March 5th with the new State Representative for the “Brookline” seat, Tommy Vitolo as guest.
 - c. Episode 22 will consider the new recreational marijuana availability in Brookline with potential guests Lieutenant Mike Raskin coordinator of the effort in Brookline PD and Dr. Swannie Jett Director of the Health Department.
7. Subcommittee Reports
 - a. Transportation
 - i. TRIPPS update – No report.

- ii. Update on benches on Beacon Street and Harvard Street – Frank Caro provided information to DPW Commissioner for Beacon east of Harvard. Commissioner asked for additional information for west of Harvard.
 - iii. Recognition was given to private providers of benches. Each bench is \$5,000.
 - iv. Update on proposal for spring warrant article on pedestrian-friendly street lighting – Frank Caro indicated the Warrant Article 22 was progressing toward Town Meeting.
 - b. Housing
 - i. Kent/Station Street Proposal – Henry Winkelman reported RFP will be issued in March.
 - c. Health – Dr. Jett reported on availability of a new “Rat Movement Sensor”..
 - d. Library – Anne Reed Reported.
 - i. Two book recommendations – “Palaces for the People” Eric Klinenberg and “Generation Priced Out” Randy Shaw.
 - ii. AARP Tax Help days.
 - iii. Beacon Hill Health Club ~ 52 passes.
 - iv. Starting March 6th ~ “Borrow a Staff Expert”.
 - e. Council on Aging – Ruthann Dobek and Roberta Winitzer reported
 - i. Recreation planning.
 - ii. Ruthann Dobel invited all members to TRIPPS event.
- 8.** Commission on Disabilities update – Saralynn Allaire reported.
 - a. TEST
- 9.** Theme for April meeting – Frank Caro led the discussion.
 - a. Frank Caro will try to get Mel Kleckner.
 - b. New Hampshire Recreation trips.
- 10.** Recruitment of new members – Frank Caro reported.
 - a. Committee is looking for a couple more members.
 - b. Ruthann Dobel suggested we get volunteers to cover administration department representation so town administration staff commitment is minimized.
- 11.** Miscellaneous – No report.
- 12.** New business – No report.
- 13.** Next Meeting – April 23, 2019 at 2pm in Town Hall.