

Minutes of the Age Friendly Cities Committee

April 23, 2019

Present: Frank Caro, Nancy Heller, Ruthann Dobek, Yolanda Rodriguez, John Seay, Henry Winkelman, Anne Reed, Saul Feldman, Matt Weiss, Sarah Kaplan, Saralynn Allaire, Sara Nelson. Guest: Mel Kleckner

1. Note Taker: The committee selected Matt Weiss as Note Taker for the meeting.
2. Review of Minutes: March 5, 2019 minutes was adopted.
3. Accomplishments in 2017 & 2018 and plans for 2019
 - a. Frank Caro reported the Accomplishments report was ready for an unformatted digital release.
 - b. Nancy Heller indicated she would add the report to the Town Administrator tickler file to publish/process the report to the town website.
 - c. John Seay indicated he would publish the report to the BrooklineCAN website.
4. Guest Mel Kleckner, Town Administrator
 - a. Frank Caro introduced Mel Kleckner reviewing the years since he and Mel first discussed the age friendly cities effort. Mel Kleckner summarized age friendly cities effort as positive, practical, and benefitting all ages.
 - b. Age friendly cities effort is collaborative with the Council on Aging rather than competitive and is connected to the Select Board.
 - c. Saul Feldman initiated an educational discussion re 40B and Mel Kleckner indicated Brookline was close to the 10% affordable that would remove Brookline from 40B impact.
 - d. Safe Harbor clauses allow Brookline to act as if 105 affordable once close.
 - e. Frank Caro indicated the need for additional older adult "programming space".
 - f. Newbury College purchase is an opportunity and a robust planning process needs to be initiated with dialogue on space needs, i.e., location, age friendliness, Winchester expansion, Newbury College opportunity.
 - g. Discussed process for Kent-Station Street RFP, i.e., Committee of 7, Select Board, Town Meeting, State approval of procurement process.
 - h. Mel Kleckner indicated escooters pilot was not certain to result in a permanent situation, but if permanent it will need a fund to support implementation.
 - i. Mel Kleckner indicated the NETA rollout of recreational marijuana was excellent, but now concerned about the next sites.
5. Subcommittee Reports
 - a. Transportation
 - i. TRIPPS update – Ruthann Dobek reported on successful presentation by TRIPS on 3/28/2019 at the Senior Center re a paper on a survey on transportation and social engineering entitled "Expanding Transportation Options and Sustaining Community Participation: Experiences of Brookline Seniors".
 - ii. Ruthann reported TRIPPS will continue in Brookline and will train other areas on Uber & Lyft.
 - iii. NCOA and Lyft – Ruthann Dobek reported that the MCOA Community Development Board grant was cut by almost 20% but the National Council on Aging (NCOA) gives three \$10K grants across the US to train BETS people and determine capacity on Uber & LYFT and Brookline is a candidate. Uber & Lyft give \$.10 per ride back to the community to be

- used for older adults transportation. A TRIPPS staff person is covered for Brookline.
- iv. Update on proposed spring warrant article on pedestrian-friendly street lighting – Frank Caro reported that the article has received positive recommend
 - b. Housing
 - i. Kent/Station Street Proposal – Per Nancy Heller there will be a Public hearing 4/23/2019 followed by a vote and issuance of the RFP.
 - c. Health – No report.
 - d. Library – Anne Reed reported.
 - i. Anne Reed provided the following library events: 4/28 - 2-3pm - Introduction to Ball Room Dancing, 5/4 - 1-4pm at Brookline Village branch - Star Wars Day, 5/5 - 2-3:30pm at Coolidge Corner branch - KMN Klezmer Trio - Klezmer Music Concert, 5/11 - 12:30-3:30pm - Meetup co-sponsored by Brookline CoA, Thursdays Mah Jong, Thursdays - 10:30-11:30am at Putterham branch - Gentle Yoga, 5/15 - 7:30pm at Brookline HS - Dan Brown, 6/1,6/2 - 4th Annual Books in Bloom, 6/15 - 6pm for 21+ and 12-4pm for all ages - Ye Olde Tee Off at the Library.
 - ii. Sarah Kaplan reported on the following event - 4/29 at Coolidge Corner branch of the library re "The ADA & Fair Housing: What are your Rights?"
 - e. Council on Aging – Per Sarah Kaplan Green Line Planners would be reviewing "C" Line crossing issues.
- 6.** Commission on Disabilities update – Saralynn Allaire reported.
- a. Sarah Kaplan will work on a map of key accessible spaces for Brookline Council on Disabilities.
 - b. Considering developing a video on "leading low vision people".
- 7.** Theme for June meeting – No discussion.
- 8.** Recruitment of new members – No discussion.
- 9.** Miscellaneous – No report.
- 10.** New business
- a. Scooters – need more education. Note there is a sidewalk information board at the Brookline Village Library branch.
 - b. AFC-TV for June – Dr. Jett and Officer of Elder Affairs Mike Disario re recreational marijuana.
- 11.** Next Meeting – September 10, 2019 at 2pm in Town Hall.