

## Minutes of the Age Friendly Cities Committee

June 4, 2019

Present: Frank Caro, Nancy Heller, Ruthann Dobek, Yolanda Rodriguez, Dr. Swannie Jett, Anne Reed, John Seay, Henry Winkelman, Roberta Winitzer, Saul Feldman, Matt Weiss, Sarah Kaplan, Saralynn Allaire, Sara Nelson, Rina Asmamaw, John Bain, Leigh Jackson.

1. Note Taker: The committee selected Matt Weiss as Note Taker for the meeting.
2. Review of Minutes: April 23, 2019 minutes adopted as corrected by Saralynn Allaire.
3. Scheduling presentation of accomplishments to Select Board- Nancy Heller will talk to Chair of the Select Board re 20-20 minutes for presentation on the agenda.
4. Recreation Department programming for older adults: Leigh Jackson was introduced as the new Director of the Recreation Department and John Bain, Chair of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board attended the meeting.
  - a. John Bain indicated he will join the Age Friendly Cities Committee representing the Parks and Recreation Commission.
    - i. John Bain listed new ideas for “active older adults”.
    - ii. John Bain identified an event at the Putterham Golf Course, i.e., the “Ninth Green” with food and social activities.
  - b. Leigh Jackson is from Atlanta, Georgia Tech managing 200 employees and volunteers, then 10 years at REI. Leigh is committed to activities for “active older adults” such as Pickleball and supporting social and physical basis for mental health for older adults.
  - c. Recreation wants to bring people to the golf course for activities other than golf.
  - d. Pickup and drop off locations are the Brookline Senior Center in North Brookline and the Soule Recreation Center in South Brookline for the following activities:
    - i. Larz Anderson Walk and Talk
    - ii. Freedom Trail
    - iii. Island Yoga
    - iv. Guided Canoe Tour
    - v. Georges Island Fort Tour
    - vi. Pedal Boats at Hopkinton State Park
  - e. Intergenerational buddy programs, field trips, plays, Puppet Showplace.
5. Subcommittee Reports
  - a. Transportation
    - i. TRIPPS update – Ruthann Dobek submitted a proposal to receive Uber/Lyft rideshare funds when the town receives its allocation. A survey of BETS users is in process to determine usage of BATS and how an easy transition to a rideshare alternative may be achieved.
    - ii. Next steps pedestrian-friendly Update on proposed spring warrant article on pedestrian-friendly street lighting – Frank Caro reported Article 22 passed unanimously and the next step requires the Select Board to form a committee.
    - iii. Update on Beacon Street benches – Frank Caro reported that the benches were ordered.
  - b. Housing
    - i. Kent/Station Street Proposal – Henry Winkelman indicated the RFP is to be released in a few weeks (Approximately 60 units)

- ii. Frank Caro pointed out that this has been delayed since last fall when it was approved by the Planning Board.
  - c. Health – Summer events are listed on the Town web site.
    - i. 6/20/2019 is the International Day of Yoga at with event at 10am on Cypress Field.
    - ii. Impact of racism and other issues broader than the town on public health.
    - iii. Discussion re impact of scooters on older adults and others.
  - d. Library – Anne Reed reported.
    - i. Anne Reed provided the following library events: Summer reading; 6/8 – Porchfest – 1pm, Uncle Bob’s Donut Shoppe; 2pm Zack Fallo; 6/12 – 1:30 – 3pm, Putterham – Softer Side of Celtic (Combines music, stories wee bit of history from Scotland, Ireland & England); 6/15 – Ye Olde Tee Off at the Library - 6pm for 21+ and 12-4pm for all ages - Ye Olde Tee Off at the Library.
    - ii. Major event – 6/5 – Friends Annual Meeting – Dana Brigham – Featured Speaker.
  - e. Council on Aging – Per Ruthann Dobek and Roberta Winitzer.
    - i. Ruthann reminded the committee of the 6/12 meeting to discuss scooters 6:30pm at Town Hall.
    - ii. Roberta Winitzer that scooters are new to both users and walkers.
- 6. Commission on Disabilities update – Saralynn Allaire reported.
  - a. DPW is issuing signs banning parking of bicycles against poles in HCP spaces and the public safety people will remove them and turn them into Brookline PD.
  - b. Commission is producing a set of “sighted guiding” videos.
  - c. ADA Day 7/26 – Event
- 7. Theme for potential July meeting – No summer meeting planned, but theme for next meeting is Results of Sustainability Summit (6/5/2019) with Zoe Lind as guest. Climate Action Committee initiative has resulted in a “Vulnerability Assessment Report” available on the Select Board website (per Nancy Heller).
- 8. Recruitment of new members – No discussion.
- 9. Miscellaneous – No report.
- 10. New business
  - a. Brookline Day is 9/22/2019.
- 11. Next Meeting – Sustainability Theme – September 10, 2019 at 2pm in Town Hall