

Newtonville Area Council Minutes February 8, 2018

Council members present: Maura Harrington, Dana D'Agostino, Helene Sroat, Tarik Lucas, Marc Kaufman, Susan Reisler, Peter Bruce, Tom Kraus, Colleen Minaker

Others present: Tim Stone, Fred Arnstein, Stephanie Karger

At 6:30 p.m. the W.T. Rich project manager reported on the Cabot School project: the Laundry Brook culvert restoration activities are complete; Parkview Ave. is repaved; utility work on Bridges Ave. is complete, paving will be done in May; dewatering continues as needed. Foundation work for the main classroom structure on the north side of original school is complete; excavation for library is ongoing. Backfill is ongoing when concrete is laid at all locations. Structural steel is ongoing.

At 7:00 p.m. Tom Kraus started the meeting. He presented the minutes from Dec. 14, 2017, Jan. 11, 2018, Feb.1, 2018 and Jan. 18, 2018.
The council members approved the minutes.

At 7:10 p.m. Treasurer Helene Sroat presented a report for 2017: the NAC raised \$9,370.00 from Village Day. The Council spent \$7,747.44 during 2017. Costs for Village Day were \$6486.78 and \$1000.00 was spent on planting materials. The NAC account retains a balance of \$16,819.67. the NAC voted to accept the report 9-0.

At 7:20 p.m. Tom Kraus presented the draft of the Annual Report which outlined the 2017 activities of the Area Council. Both Helene Sroat and Susan Reisler suggested revisions. The Council then approved the report with a vote of 9-0.

At 7:30 p.m. Tom Kraus initiated the council election process. Two members were nominated for president: Marc Kaufman and Maura Harrington. Both candidates were asked to outline their goals for 2018. Several members asked each of them questions about their positions on salient community issues. A secret ballot vote followed. Maura Harrington received 6 votes. Marc Kaufman received 3 votes. Next Peter Bruce was nominated for vice president with no opposition, Helene Sroat accepted the nomination for Treasurer and Colleen Minaker accepted nomination for Secretary. All 3 were voted in by a vote of 9-0.

At 7:40 p.m. Helene Sroat reported about the Austin St. liaison committee meeting. She spoke about recent discussions regarding traffic flow on Bram Way and new designs decisions for the adjacent Public Plaza. Final plans will be determined in the future.

At 8:05 p.m. Tim Stone outlined the expanded roles of the 4 Babson students for the Feb. Washington St. charrette. The students will participate as recorders and work with each topic facilitator. Over the 9 week period in which the students collect data both Tom Kraus and Tim Stone will work with the students to provide support for their research project. The students have visited the Walnut St. and Washington St. area. They will work closely with the Washington St. subgroup after the charrette as a survey is formulated. This survey will complement the data collected at the charrette. The data will solicit information from the community of Newtonville on topics such as housing, transportation, community benefits, business mix, community impact and physical characteristics.

At 8:40 p.m. The sub-committee led by Maura Harrington discussed the role of each facilitator, the physical set up of tables, the registration process, food purchase and Tarik Lucas' opening talk to outline the procedures to people who will participate in the charrette.

At 9:30 p.m. the meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted by Secretary Colleen Minaker