

Newtonville Area Council Minutes for April 30, 2018

Members present: Maura Harrington, Peter Bruce, Helene Sroat, Tarik Lucas, Dana Dagostino, Colleen Minaker, Susan Reisler, Tom Kraus, Marc Kaufman

7:00 pm. Maura Harrington opened the meeting. Tarik Lucas made an announcement about Garden Remedies located on Washington St. in Newtonville. They plan to petition the city to extend their business products to sell both medical and recreational marijuana. This will be in mid June.

7:20 pm. Area Council members discussed the Survey post card. This will be used to advertise the upcoming public survey. Marc Kaufman will prepare the post cards and asked about print size on the front. Most members favored large print and a coded identification number. A name and address will be on the back. Information for a request for a paper survey is also include on the back.

Tom Kraus will set up a URL for the survey. Marc will revise the post card and send it to members for approval.

7:40 pm. Maura asked for the Charrette Report update. Several members revised their original text from their initial February texts. The purpose was to shorten the over all report. Each facilitator condensed their section summary and eliminated some of the repetition of the bullet points. Marc will revise and complete the final report. Some members questioned the controversial behavior of Jeff Speck and felt any mention of it ought to be left out of the report. Peter Bruce disagreed as he felt J.Speck interfered with the presentation on Transportation. However after much discussion Peter agreed to modify some of his description of Speck. Maura thanked the facilitators for their diligent work during the charrette. Tarik asked that all revisions be complete by May 4. Marc, Susan and Maura will make some final revisions on the introduction.

8:15 pm. Tarik discussed the public opinion survey prepared by the sub group which has met several times to develop 40 questions. Several members submitted over 80 potential questions. Also members of the community offered valuable questions for consideration. From these a maximum number of 40 questions were chosen and rewritten to develop a concise survey. All the questions are designed to gauge public response about future changes to the commercial and housing makeup of Washington St. Members spent time reading each question and revising the wording.

9:15 pm pm. Maura ended the meeting. To complete the survey questions and revisions a second NAC meeting is scheduled for May 10, at city hall at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Colleen Minaker
Secretary