

NAC Minutes for June 14, 2018

Members present: M.Harrington, P. Bruce, C. Minaker, H. Sroat, T. Kraus, T. Lucas, D. D'Agostino, S. Reisler.

Members absent: Marc Kaufman

At 7:00 pm. Maura Harrington opened the meeting. She asked for the minutes to be approved. Tarik suggested 3 corrections. After some discussion the minutes were approved.

At 7:10 pm. Maura commented on some of the city social events organized by The Village People. One is the Magical Mystery Bike Tour and neighborhood Block Parties.

Maura suggested that the NAC organize a Block Party some time in the future.

At 7:15 pm. Sharon Stout addressed the NAC members. She has organized for many years social events throughout Newton. She will work with the AC this year and help set up Village Day events. September 23, is the date for this autumn activity.

Sharon outlined for the members some history of village activities. Traditionally they have been organized via city departments. Today some private groups organize the events and some of the Area Councils produce the social gatherings. The NAC formed a working group for this upcoming V.D. Dana D'Agostino and Susan Reisler will work closely with Sharon and plan for Sept. 23. Maura will help too. The first task will be to develop a theme and book vendors, performers and food trucks. Sharon advised the members of a price list for booths. She will send this list to Maura.

At 7:45 pm. the NAC discussed the Survey logistics and a general update.

Tom Kraus outlined the launch of the Washington Pl. public survey to be initiated June 12, and close June 30. Tom will field questions from the responders in case of technical difficulties. Also, he will adjust the PDF copy.

Tarik Lucas mailed the 10,909 post cards which cost \$4025.51. The initial response has been good with a count of 640 participants. Paper copies will be available also. Colleen will compile a list of callers each day from the designated phone number. She will send these regularly to Dana who will make copies and send them out with a stamped and addressed return envelop for each participant. The paper copy will contain a brief cover letter. These will be returned to Dana.

Maura outlined additional groups who would receive notice of the survey. These include various city list serve groups. Peter Bruce and Tarik will notify some of the groups too. Tom will write a letter to City Councilors to notify them about the release of the survey. Susan Reisler asked that all NAC members approve Tom's letter before it is sent. In addition the members agreed that the survey results would be analyzed at a future NAC meeting. The survey credentials which Tom has developed will be shared with Maura and Helene.

Susan will prepare a letter of notification to be sent to the TAB. She will send it first to the NAC members for approval.

The NAC members voted 8-0 that no ROBO calls would be used.

At 9:05 pm. Maura discussed the Charrette. It has been sent out to many city groups and posted on Facebook where there is a link to the survey. The TAB will link to the report. The Planning Dept. will provide information about the report and the survey.

At 9:15 pm. Maura adjourned the NAC meeting. the next meeting will be July,12 at City Hall at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Minaker, Secretary