

NEWTONVILLE AREA COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting August 9, 2018

Members Present: Maura Harrington, Peter Bruce, Helene Sroat, Colleen Minaker, Susan Reisler, Tom Kraus, Dana D'Agostino, Tarik Lucas,

Absent: Marc Kaufman

Members of the Public: Councilor Emily Norton, Brian Barash, Fred Arnstein

At 7:05 pm. President Maura Harrington opened the meeting. The July Minutes were reviewed. Tarik Lucas offered a change in wording. The NewArt Center "May request" a donation from the NAC instead of the word "request" on line #2. Tom Kraus suggested several word changes. On line #2 at paragraph for 8:00 pm. Tom deleted the words "compiled on city server". In the 7:45 pm paragraph he changed the words to "several members offered to assist and scan the paper survey copies into a digital format."

At 7:10 pm. Several members suggested that the NAC meetings be audio taped for all future monthly meetings. Maura made a motion, the members voted 7-0-1 to audio tape all future meetings.

At 7:20 pm. Councilor Emily Norton spoke to the members about an upcoming City Council vote on a docketed Land Use Moratorium. This item requests a delay on future Washington St. land use developments. Also, she stated that James Freas will soon present the Planning Depts. proposals for possible changes to the city's zoning regulations. These changes will be outlined fully in October.

At 7:30 pm. The Area Council discussed its Mailing List. Several members are revising and updating the former list. There are many new names to add from both the Charrette and the Survey respondents. Tim Stone and Joy Huber had developed a mailing list for the 4 previous years. People's names on this list will be transferred to the new list with the option to opt out. Maura and Tom will decide whether to use Mail Chimp or Constant Contact. Dana D'Agostino recommended Mail Chimp as it is easy to use and uploads in bulk. Tom and Dana will meet and work out a process, create an account and upload the e-mail addresses. They will share the password with members of the NAC.

Maura made a motion to adopt Mail Chimp. Members voted 8-0-1 in favor.

7:45 pm. Maura discussed the Survey Executive Summary Report. Several members of the survey working group presented their preliminary report for discussion. This report precedes a more complete survey analysis report to be completed and made public in October. Several council members offered to help make the report public. They will post the results on many public digital sites, i.e. village listserves, the city Planning Dept., the City Council members and the Mayor's office plus a variety of community groups and the TAB. Tom Kraus will compile the survey data. These files will be accessible on the NAC website database.

At 8:15 pm. Some NAC members suggested that the survey executive summary ought to be renamed. Maura made a motion. The NAC voted 6-2-1 in favor of changing the name to " Survey Highlights". Both the Highlights and the survey results will be posted as a PDF on Friday August 10, 2018.

At 9:40 pm. Maura and Dana provided an update on September 23rd's Village Day planning. This year's theme is "Community". Marc Kaufman will draft the poster layouts for advertisements. Features of the events include live musical and dance entertainment, children's activities, food concessions, various types of booths and T-Shirts will be available with the Village Day logo. Pledges for booths are \$5500. so far.

At 9:55 pm. Tarik asked to set a date for a follow up meeting. This is necessary to discuss and form a working group to prepare a final analysis of the October Survey Report. NAC members voted 8-0-1 to meet sometime during the next week. Maura adjourned the meeting at 10:00 pm. The September monthly meeting will be at City Hall at 7:00 pm. on September 13.

Respectfully submitted

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