

NEWTONVILLE AREA COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2018

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

Members Absent: Maura Harrington

Public Guests: Nathaniel Lichtin, Fred Arnstein, Peter Harrington

At 7:05 pm. Peter Bruce opened the meeting. He asked Marc Kaufman to report on his letter to the Waban and Newton Highlands Area Councils. Marc's letter outlined the NewArt Center's plan to raise funds for its structural renovations. Marc suggested the idea of a brain storming session which might include all 3 area councils. Several members from Waban offered to brain storm in the future with Dan Elias.

At 7:20 pm. Marc discussed Newton's proposal for a Climate Action Plan. The city is seeking public input for a mitigation plan. How might the city plan to prevent climate change? The city has a survey on [surveymonkey.com/r/NewtonCAP](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NewtonCAP). The deadline is Nov. 16. The second plan is called the Climate Vulnerability Action Plan. How to increase resiliency to handle climate change effects? There will be a public hearing for this on Dec.10.

At 7:30 pm. Peter Bruce discussed the Hello Washington presentation at Newton North on October 24. The Principle Group did not include the public Question and Answer session in its website video. Peter Bruce intends to ask the Planning Dept. to add the video to the final website recording. Peter also spoke about the upcoming meeting to present the NAC survey report to the public. After some discussion the NAC members voted to present the findings at the Senior Center on January 8, 2019. The report will be discussed in anticipation of the newly drafted rezoning efforts by the Planning Dept. Sometime in January the NAC will meet with the Planning Dept. to openly discuss some of the new proposals. Parts of Washington St. may have lots which will be subject to DROP IN Zoning. This will be explained in January. The Principle Group will outline their recommendations for housing lot setbacks. The public can offer comments.

At 8:15 pm. Peter Bruce discussed the set up for the Jan. 8 survey report meeting. Four members volunteered to plan the meeting. Peter, Susan, Tarik and Dana will meet in future to design the set up. Marc will design fliers for public notification. The Principle Group completed a simple survey. Both survey results will be compared and evaluated.

At 8:30 pm. Tom Kraus discussed the NAC use of Mail Chimp. He along with other members are compiling an updated area council mailing list. Mail Chimp is an automation platform used to share emails, an email service provider. Tom and Maura have attempted to update the mailing list for the past several months. This process has not been worked out s yet. Maura sought technical assistance from Mr. Mulvey at the city's IT office. With his help the mailing list has been set up with Constant Contact which the city employs. It is an alternate email service provider.

Nathaniel Lichtin, President of the Newton Highlands Area Council, attended the meeting on November 9. He spoke to our Area Council members about Newton's Zoning Reform efforts. The Highlands Area Council is meeting with members of the Waban Area Council to write an in-depth critique of the Planning Dept. proposals. There are several meetings set up to hear the joint Council analysis. Nov. 19, at the Waban Library, Nov. 29, at 6:30 pm. Angier School.

At the December NAC meeting Maura will update the council about the final decisions about the new Mailing List.

Peter Bruce adjourned the NAC meeting at 9:20 pm.
The next NAC meeting will be Thursday December 13, at 7:00 pm at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted

Colleen Minaker,
Secretary