Newton Council on Aging & Advisory Board Meeting

May 23, 2017

Present: N. Brown, JE. Heffron, A. Hoffman, M. Knapp, N. Krasner, S. Paley, E Picard, J. Picard, CA. Shea, T. Shoemaker, E. Watkins, C. Gibson, E. Lorant
Notified: A. Cooper, B. Dugan, J. Norstrand
Staff: J. Colino, A. Bailey, M. Leipsitz, E. Kuhl, S. Lopes, J. Joy, I. Seidman
City: N. Scammon
Guests: Joan Bell Isle, D. Bard, (**Tom's friend**),

I.   Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.
II. Minutes approved
III. Introduction:
     The meeting goal is for the combined COA and Advisory members, staff, and guests to
     A. <u>Review the draft Strategic Framework</u> that had been developed at the COA Executive Committee Retreat on May 9, 2017. Members had received the draft prior to this meeting.
         1. Three key components/strategies had been identified at the Retreat
             a. **An improved Senior Facility**
             b. **Programs and Services**
                 - Based on needs and assets <u>identified by Seniors</u>
                 - Based on <u>demographics</u>
             c. **Advocacy**
                 - City Departments
                 - Community agencies and organizations
     B. <u>Create Discussion Points</u> for Mayoral and City Councilor Candidates Based on the Framework
         1. Attendees created three breakout groups with one Exec. Committee member, two staff people, and guests. Groups were instructed to
             a. Define their category
             b. Identify questions to ask candidates
             c. Develop answers to the questions
IV. <u>Report-back from Breakout groups</u>
         - Each group reported back on their discussions.
         - Results from each group are attached.
V. <u>Next Steps</u>
         - Report back notes will be typed up and distributed to participants
         - Attendees will provide feedback
         - Results from the Breakout Group notes will be fashioned into a "platform' for Mayoral and City Councilor candidates to respond to.

VI. <u>Next Meeting</u> is **June 20, 2017**. This is the final meeting of the year. There will be a dinner and review of accomplishments. The Housing Group will present and request approval of the Housing Guide.

VII. <u>Meeting Adjourned</u> at 7:30 pm