

Newton Council on Aging and Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 25, 2016
Newton Senior Center
345 Walnut Street. Newtonville MA 02460

Present: B. Dugan, C. Gibson, S. Paley, C.A. Shea, E. Lorant, E. Watkins, D. Murphy, E. Picard, J. Picard, A. Hoffman,

Notified: J-E Heffron, N. Scammon, T. Shoemaker, N. Krasner, A. Cooper, N. Brown, H. Haywood, Julie Norstand

Staff: J. Colino, M. Leipsitz

Guest: Vicki Danberg, City Councilor

1. Welcome/Call to Order/Approval of Minutes/Updates/Introductions

- ◆ Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. Minutes from the previous meeting approved.

2. PLAAN Presentation at Library - 10/20/2016 (Overheads attached)

- ◆ Video – The Big Idea in 4 minutes
- ◆ Overview of the PLAAN (Planning for a Livable All Age-friendly Newton) “Listening Session” at the Newton Free
 - Approximately 30 people attended; 100 attended the first session on 9/20/2016
 - Presentation on mission, vision and goals for a Livable All Age-friendly Newton
 - Session was recorded and will be summarized
 - Key themes/issues from Listening Session: Housing; Senior Center; Isolation - people living alone; Traffic

3. Vicki Danberg – comments

- ◆ Housing for Seniors
 - There is a need for “senior housing” (Note: COA/AB uses the term “housing for seniors”)
 - Newton Center former library could be 4-5 floors with housing for seniors
 - V. Danberg advocates for a broader concept for Newton Center, not just that building.
 - Need to consider zoning overlays in Newton Center
 - COA has a lot of clout in decision-making about housing and other issues facing seniors
- ◆ Clay Nissan being considered for development as Assisted Living facility by Sunrise Senior Living.
- ◆ Snow Ordinance
 - For non-compliance: proposed commercial fines \$100.00; proposed residential fine \$25.00
 - Not much enforcement for residential
 - 50% compliance with voluntary ordinance
 - COA/AB suggestions
 - Consider other incentives before implementing punitive measures

4. Springwell Report – Adele Hoffman

- ◆ Springwell survey is out for their five year area plan. It was forwarded to all COA members and included in the newsletter
- ◆ A. Hoffman’s term will be up in November; replacement process has begun

5. Senior Citizens Fund of Newton– Carol Ann Shea

- ◆ Annual fund-raising letter and strategy is gearing up

6. Committee Reports

- ◆ Housing: no report; Transportation: TRIPPS – no report; Community Engagement – no report
- ◆ Legislative: Budget at FY16 level

Next Executive Committee meeting 11/10, 3:30

Next COA/AB meeting 11/22, 7:30

Submitted by Beth Dugan and Marian Knapp