

Newton Council on Aging and Advisory Board Meeting  
Tuesday, November 22nd, 2016  
Newton Senior Center  
345 Walnut Street. Newtonville MA 02460

**Present:** B. Dugan, C. Gibson, H. Haywood, A. Hoffman, J-E Heffron, N. Krasner, Julie Norstand, S. Paley, E. Picard, J. Picard, N. Scammon, T. Shoemaker, E. Watkins,

Notified: A. Cooper, N. Brown, E. Lorant, D. Murphy, C.A. Shea,

**Staff:** J. Colino, M. Leipsitz

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

- ◆ Meeting called to order at 7:50 p.m. Minutes from the previous meeting approved.

## **2. PLAAN Presentation**

- ◆ there have been two listening sessions, both well attended
- ◆ all comments are being compiled and tracking recurring themes:
  - 1) Need for a new senior center ( larger, more parking, more modern)
  - 2) Housing-the need for more affordable, accessible and available housing. Maintenance of current house.
  - 3)Intergenerational /Community building
  - 4) Infrastructure- challenges posed by lighting, traffic, congestion, sidewalks
- ◆ The challenge of educating attendees about what they don't know while keeping the intent of the listening session.

Mayoral race is discussed in the context of an Age Friendly Community. What will the COA expect from a new Mayor, how can get that information from each of the candidates. Will we ask for support for a new center? Info was shared about a place holder on the City's Capital Improvement Plan for a community center . It is suggested that the COA create a SCORE card with the answers posed to candidates on relevant issues of aging that we can distribute to the public to help them in their decision making process.

## **3. Membership**

- ◆ There are no new appointments happening at this point. There is a proposal presented to convene an expanded Executive Committee on a pro temp basis so that the work of the COA and PLAAN can continue to move forward. It is agreed to continue to engage people in our efforts and to acknowledge that new people can be seen as advisors to any given issue we may addressing and/or projects.

## **4. Springwell Report –**

- ◆ Adele Hoffman's term on the Springwell board has expired after 9 years of involvement. Adele has been trained as a Long-Term Care Ombudsman.
- ◆ Naomi Krasner has accepted the appointment as Newton's Representative on the Springwell Board and has attended her first meeting.
- ◆ Thanks to Adele for her representation in the past and thanks to Naomi for future representation.

## **5. Senior Citizens Fund of Newton– Carol Ann Shea**

- ◆ Annual fund-raising letter will focus on the Emergency Relief Fund that case managers can apply to on behalf of clients in financial need. It is a quick response assistance that really is not available from other funds. Look for your letter in the mail.

## **6. Committee Reports**

- ◆ **Housing:** guide is almost complete. Joyce reported being invited to a meeting to discuss the Mayor's new housing strategy plan. There have been meeting with developers that COA members have participate in., most recently Marian reports on a meeting with Northland Development about their proposal to build a mixed use development in Oak/ Needham St. and the Orr building on Washington St.
- ◆ A brief discussion of the changes proposed Accessory Apartment ordinance and the public hearing that both Jo-Edith and Marian attended.

**Next Executive Committee meeting 1/12, 3:30**

**Next COA/AB meeting 1/24, 7:30**

Submitted by Jayne Colino