

Newton Council on Aging Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2014
7:30 p.m.
345 Walnut Street Newtonville MA 02460

COA/AB: N. Brown, E. Dugan, C. Gibson, H. Haywood, J-E Heffron, A. Hoffman, M. Knapp, N. Krasner, E. Lorant, S. Paley, D. Murphy, , E. Picard, J. Picard, N. Scammon, C. A. Shea, C. Rose, D. Sostek

NDSS Staff: A. Bailey J. Colino, L. Heyison, K. Laufer, C. Rexford

Notified: T. Shoemaker, H. Gunner, N. Hartstone, A. Cooper, E. Rosenbaum

1. Approval of minutes from March 25, 2014 meeting with the following changes:
 - a. In all COA/AB & NDSS documents we should use U.S. Census data and not City of Newton data for Newton's population ages 60 and/or 65 and over, per COA/AB member and demographer B. Dugan. The reasons are that 1) Newton data are based on census responders and not the whole population, and 2) with U.S. Census data we can make comparisons with other communities.
 - b. Typographical error: Initials RB should be RG for Rob Garrity
2. Introductions:

COA/AB members and NDSS staff introduced themselves and each person described their work and involvement.
3. Review and Discussion:
 - a. NDSS and COA/AB Mission, Vision, & Strategic Goals;
 - b. Member contact information
 - c. Information including volunteer job descriptions and a volunteer form. The NSC needs volunteers for numerous jobs, one of which is to be part of a bench marking committee to evaluate the facility and make suggestions for upgrading.
 - d. Budget book and 4 core NDSS & COA/AB areas that relate to the mayor's vision of a Livable/Sustainable Community: programs, transportation, social services, and community engagement and connectivity.
 - e. Staff described what they do to support overall Vision, Mission & Goals. COA/AB members did the same.
4. Chair/Director's report:
 - a. Annual budget meeting with Programs and Services - May 7, 2014, 7:45, Rm 222 City Hall. All can come & show support.
 - b. Transportation increased to include Parks and Recreation Over 55 Programs
 - c. Group has been formed for Benchmarking Project to compare Newton to other comparable cities. Anyone interested should contact. M. Knapp.
 - d. NDSS and Julie Norstrand are applying for a federal Health and Aging Fellowship grant. Grant is highly competitive and we will know in June.

5. Springwell Report:
 - a. Springwell received \$1.6M from ACA to enrich long-term care to keep people at home.
6. Senior Citizens Fund Report: No report
7. Membership Report:
 - a. Chair, M. Knapp has appointed a nominating committee headed by S. Paley. Contact S. Paley if a member has someone to nominate for vice president, treasurer, or secretary. Slate will be presented at the May meeting, nominations will remain open until that time and a vote will be taken at our June Annual meeting.
8. Working Groups Reports:
 - a. Housing Group:
 - The library is interested in holding a "housing" related information session with the NSC, fall 2014.

 - COA Exec. Comm. & Housing Group determined it was not appropriate for a developer to address COA/AB about a specific project.
 - b. Awareness and Engagement:
 - D. Sostek & A. Cooper to represent NDSS at the Newton Cares Meeting on May 3 from 1:00-3:00.
9. Legislative Report:
 - a. FY 15 Formula Grant - House Ways & Means approved request for increase to line item 9110-9002 (Formula Grant and Service Incentive Grant). Please thank members of House.
10. Other Business:
 - a. Our needs assessment increased to 900 responses which is more than 25%.
 - b. CDBG will hold focus groups to determine residents' needs.
 - c. LGBT event is June 6.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35.

Next meeting: Tuesday May 27, 2014, 7:30

Submitted by Carol Rose, Secretary