

COUNCIL ON AGING—DECEMBER 22, 2020

Present: Dov Bard, Joan Belle Isle, Jayne Colino, Sandra Davidow, Mary Glendon, Adele Hoffman, Jo Edith Heffron, Naomi Krasner, Ena Lorant, Norm Meltz, Maria Meyer, Donna Murphy, John Pelletier, Sue Rasala, Nancy Scammon, Sue Schlesinger, Allison Sharma, Dan Shaw, Laura Shaw, Sue Schlesinger, Gordon Szerlip

Absent: Beth Dugan, Tyrone Hooks, Julie Norstrand, Joyce Picard, Eric Rosenbaum, Lisa Samelson, Tom Shoemaker

Guests: Randall Block, Fran Godine, Lisa Gordon, Alice Ingerson, Zachary Lemel, Jen Molinsky, Lisa Monahan, John Oliver, Kathy Pillsbury, Nevena Pilipovic-Wengler, Richard Rasala, Sean Roche, Howard Rosenof, Chuck Tanowitz

Meeting was held by Zoom Videoconference and was called to order at 7:35 PM.

Minutes approved from Nov 24 meeting; approval was unanimous with no abstentions.

Zoning Presentation

Alice Ingerson summarized the current state of the zoning discussion in the city. She prepared a brief presentation (3 pgs see attached) that raised questions particularly relevant to older adults. The group engaged in a discussion of many of these questions, including visitability, enabling large properties to become multi-units, and how conversion to multi-units differed from the existing Accessory Apartment ordinance.

Updates

Donna Murphy provided brief updates on the Age Friendly Plan, which currently under revision with Margaret Leipsitz. Springwell, where Laura Shaw has recently assumed the role of Chair of the Board of Directors (shout out to Laura). She also solicited input regarding the current search for a new police chief, and suggested that, in light of the upcoming special election, the COA consider hosting a candidate's night.

Norm Meltz and Sue Rasala then updated the group on the status of NewCAL. The most recent design proposal would allow preservation of some of the existing building, without sacrificing the benefits of a new structure. This design will be presented to the community in the next community meeting on Tuesday, Jan 5, 2021 at 6:30PM.

Jayne wrapped up by wishing everyone a happy holiday season.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20PM.