

NEEDHAM COUNCIL ON AGING
April 8, 2010
MINUTES

PRESENT: Carol deLemos, James Dolan, Andrea Rae,
Mary Elizabeth Weadock, Roma Jean Brown,
Risa Greendlinger, Colleen Schaller, Derrek
Schulman, Scott Brightman

Not Present: Dan Goldberg, Susanne Hughes,
Nina Silverstein,

Staff: Jamie Brenner Gutner, Sherry Jackson

Convene: 7:00 p.m. - Stephen Palmer Senior Center

DISCUSSION:

- I. Call To Order - 7:05 p.m. - Carol deLemos**
Carol deLemos, Vice-Chair, called the April 8, 2010,
Council on Aging Board Meeting to order.
- II. Approve Minutes:**
Motion by Andrea Rae that the Board vote to approve
the February 11, 2010, and the March 11, 2010,
Council on Aging Board Meeting Minutes as amended.
Second by Colleen Schaller.
- III. Chairperson's Report - Carol deLemos, Vice-Chair**
- A.** S. Hughes deferred this portion of the
meeting to L. Camberg. L. Camberg reported
that the reaccreditation process is
progressing extremely well and that she is
very excited that people from all over the
community are contributing their time and
doing a lot of work. L. Camberg stated that
much of the committee work is done and that
they are doing a great job.
- IV. Executive Director - J. Brenner Gutner:**
M.E. Weadock asked if any changes occurred
regarding filling the Outreach Worker position.
J. Brenner Gutner responded that they have a
candidate that is interested in the position.
J. Brenner Gutner added that an appointment
letter for the Building Monitor position has gone
out. J. Brenner Gutner stated that
Elizabeth Dennis, Director of Human Resources,
has been great to work with.

A. Rae stated that S. Jackson's comments regarding her experience attending the National Conference on Aging (NCOA) in March were quite interesting. S. Jackson expressed her gratitude to the COA Board for the opportunity to attend the conference.

J. Brenner Gutner reported on the SHINE Grant for FY11. She stated that for FY10 any funding unspent would may be carried over. J. Brenner Gutner reminded the Board that this is a cost reimbursement grant.

V. Friends of the Needham Elderly, Inc. Report - Roma Jean Brown:

No report. (Because of candidate's forum. R. J. Brown reported briefly on this event).

VI. Committee Updates:

1. Senior Center Exploratory Committee - Colleen Schaller

C. Schaller began discussion on this update by first noting that there have been questions regarding a potential Senior Center site offered by Wingate. She explained that they did not respond to the RFP process and that location and zoning were potential problems.

C. Schaller presented an update on the architect's preliminary planning options that were presented at the Permanent Public Building Committee (PPBC) meeting, on April 5, 2010 for each of the three sites being studied: Greene's Field, Rosemary Lake and Ridge Hill. C. Schaller outlined the preliminary options as presented by the architect. C. Schaller stated that the next PPBC meeting would take place on April 22, 2010. S. Brightman asked what the architect's finished report look like. C. Schaller responded that the architect's report would include traffic studies, and cost evaluations on all three sites.

2. Springwell - M. E. Weadock

M. E. Weadock distributed information on the "Embrace Your Future" campaign, which is an initiative to encourage adults of all ages to plan for their future long-term care needs.

M. E. Weadock reported that flowers for Mother's Day could be ordered through Springwell and that a portion of the proceeds would be used to support the Meals on Wheels program.

3. Visibility Committee

A. Rae is putting together a picture album and some information about the Senior Center.

4. Advisory Committee

No Report. J. Brenner Gutner reiterated that she would be willing to continue to report on the Advisory Committee meetings until a COA Board Member has been appointed.

VII. Board Member Update:

Derrek Schulman - He is involved in the Anti-bullying Bill that is close to becoming law.

Risa Greendlinger - Oprah Winfrey will interview a couple/husband with Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome.

Needham Street Fair, June 5, 2010.

Adjourn (8:05 p.m.)

A motion was made to adjourn the April 8, 2010 Council on Aging Board Meeting. It was unanimously approved.