

**NEEDHAM COUNCIL ON AGING**  
**December 11, 2014**  
**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Colleen Schaller, Carol deLemos, Ed Cosgrove, Dan Goldberg, Monica Graham, Penny Grossman  
**ABSENT:** Phyllis Fanger, Susanne Hughes, Tom Keating, Eilene Kleiman, Lianne Relich, Scott Brightman  
**STAFF:** Jamie Brenner Gutner, LaTanya Steele  
**CONVENE:** 6:00 p.m. – The Center at The Heights, 300 Hillside Avenue, Needham, MA

**Discussion:**

**Call To Order – 6:01 p.m. –Colleen Schaller, and Carol deLemos Co-Chairs**

Carol deLemos, Co-Chair, called the December 11, 2014 Council on Aging Board Meeting to order.

**Approve Minutes:**

No Action Taken

**Chairperson’s Report – Carol deLemos& Colleen Schaller**

Quiet month, no outside meetings.

**Executive Director Report – J. Brenner Gutner**

The Board expressed their appreciation for great and informative Executive Director’s Report. A general conversation ensued on J. Brenner Gutner’s conversation with Ruth Beckerman-Radau, Executive Director of Springwell. J. Brenner Gutner noted that she would talk with Ruth Beckerman-Radau about providing the Springwell’s meeting minutes to the COA Board.

J. Brenner Gutner spoke briefly about the DVAC meeting that Monica Graham and she attended. A general conversation ensued on possible programming on domestic violence education at The Center at The Heights. The next DVAC meeting will be held at The Center at The Heights.

J. Brenner Gutner noted that the holiday decorations for The Center at The Heights were a team effort on the part of several staff members. J. Brenner Gutner stated that Trader Joe’s donated the poinsettias. J.Brenner Gutner expressed her appreciation to L. Steele who initiated this effort.

**Friends of The Center at the Heights, Inc. Report – J. Brenner Gutner**

No Report

## Committee Reports

### **Art Committee – S. Hughes, E. Kleiman, C. Schaller, C. deLemos**

C. Schaller and C. deLemos meet with a representative from Chestnut Design who left brochures on what they do. Suggestions were made on items to display in the lobby area, which could include large pieces of fabric that would be framed. A general discussion ensued on where to place pieces and plans to meet with representatives from Boston Art. E. Cosgrove suggested collaborating with quilting groups in town. C. Schaller noted that a quilt has been donated to The Center at The Heights. The conversation continued with additional suggestions of a picture collage, and to collaborate with the school department in obtaining elementary school artwork.

C. Schaller noted that the Tiles would take up a significant amount of space, adding that the Friends of The Center at The Heights would take the lead role on this initiative.

The conversation veered toward Monica Graham being the COA Board member from the Needham School Committee. J. Brenner Gutner noted that The Center at The Heights is the emergency evacuation site for the Hillside Elementary School.

## Board Member Update

Ed Cosgrove shared a story from his trip abroad with his wife, having visited Portugal, Spain, South of France and London.

Dan Goldberg stated that he is retiring at the end of February, adding that he might be interested in sitting on the Springwell Executive Board.

LaTanya Steele shared that she has been awarded a Fellowship opportunity at Suffolk University. LaTanya will begin graduate classes at Suffolk University in January.

Carol deLemos shared a story about her 4 year-old lab that after chasing a car was lost for a short time, but found and returned to the Needham Police Department.

**D. Goldberg made a motion to adjourn the December 11, 2014 COA Board Meeting. C. Schaller seconded the motion. The motion carried. Unanimous Vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.**