

NEEDHAM COUNCIL ON AGING

June 9, 2016

MINUTES

Present: Carol deLemos, Colleen Schaller, Monica Graham, Susanne Hughes, Phyllis Fanger, Penny Grossman, Tom Keating, Dan Goldberg, Ed Cosgrove, Lianne Relich

Not Present:

Staff: Jamie Brenner Gutner

Convene: 5:00pm - The Center at the Heights, 300 Hillside Ave

CALL TO ORDER: 5:00pm Carol deLemos, Colleen Schaller, Co-Chairs, called the meeting to order.

APPROVE MINUTES: Minutes of the May 19, 2016 were discussed. Tom Keating moved to approve and Penny Grossman seconded the motion. **MOTION** approved by unanimous vote.

With regret, the COA Board received and accepted the resignation of Eilene Kleiman. It was noted that Eilene will remain as a volunteer and continue her work on the Wall Art committee.

June 2016 NBA Street Fair: The COA participated in the June Street Fair by sponsoring a table of information. The table attracted the interest of seniors and families. Those participating at the table fielded many questions concerning the Shine Program, CATH activities and participation in general.

Nominating Committee: Carol deLemos has indicated that she would like to step down from her leadership role as Co-Chair of the COA Board. Carol will remain in an active position on the COA Board. The Nominating Committee was appointed to search /confirm a candidate to fill the position. The Nominating Committee consists of Susanne Hughes, Dan Goldberg and Lianne Relich. The committee will report its findings to the COA Board in September.

The Friends of the Center at the Heights with the support of the COA has approached the Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital to seek some support to cover costs of the Fitness Room at the CATH. Steven Cadigan has created a video to present to potential sponsors.

Senior Housing Avocation: Penny Grossman attended the Public Meeting for the Large House Review. She reported findings regarding the construction of larger homes and possible senior housing capacities.

Slide Presentation: Tom Keating created an informational slide presentation noting the COA Mission, History, Activities and current Senior Issues. The presentation was gratefully received by the COA Board

Executive Director Report: The REACH Presentation was introduced. Domestic violence, both physical and mental/verbal abuse were discussed, where could an older person go to find safe haven? The topics will be the subject of future program offerings.

At the close of the meeting, members discussed the final phase of reorganization of the Center and the roles that new staff members might enjoy. The ongoing subject of opening the CATH to watch fireworks or other July Fourth Holiday festivities was again mentioned. Visibility issues were going to be monitored.

At this time the passing of Helen Hicks was mentioned. Several board members recalled her devotion to the COA. Her service was excellent and her hard work will always be remembered and appreciated.

Sunshine Fund: This was a fund established to defray the costs of gifts, remembrances or small tokens of thanks. The money came from voluntary donations from the Board. The COA Board agreed to start this practice beginning in September 2016.

Affiliations: The COA Board is looking into other Committees, Boards or Advisory Committees in the Town to establish affiliations. Discussion will continue.

Monica Graham made a MOTION to adjourn the June 9, 2016 COA Board Meeting. Penny Grossman seconded the motion. The MOTION carried. Unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Lianne Relich