

BrooklineCAN Steering Committee Notes September 18, 2019

Attendees: Frank Caro, Ruthann Dobek, John Seay, Ruth Seidman, Elenore Parker, Matt Weiss, Roberta Winitzer, Susan Granoff, David Trevett.

1. Note Taker

- a. Matt Weiss

2. Plans for annual meeting

- a. Elenore reported we need maps of the rooms for display at entrance.
- b. Tables are all staffed.
- c. Program is ready.

3. Plans for Brookline Day

- a. Volunteer assignments, bus, website discussed
- b. Survey strategy to attract people to the table was approved.

4. BETS survey results and Lyft pilot project

- a. Ruthann Dobek reported – Opportunity now exists to sign up for the pilot program (Individual pays \$1 then subsidy pays next \$10 and individual pays for any additional cost).
- b. Pilot funded by Lyft and NCOA with Maria Foster in charge.
- c. Funding available for 25 currently and 20 signed up to date.
- d. First group has been trained.
- e. SmartChoice free phones are available for low income.

5. Speaking opportunity sought by Norfolk County Sheriff

- a. Frank Caro – Julie Washburn will set a date and committee will respond.

6. Next steps in age-specific analysis of National Citizen Survey data for Brookline

- a. Frank Caro will clean up the report and provide it to John Seay for the website.
- b. Frank Caro will write an article for the newsletter indicating the availability of the report on the website.

7. Next steps in adapting AARP “Here to Stay” toolkit for Brookline – No progress

8. Information packets for use in soliciting business memberships – No progress

9. Neighborhood senior housing development

- a. Groundbreaking celebration for KI project – Attendees reported project was well-received but now necessary to arrange connections with Senior Center and BrooklineCAN.
- b. CCB expansion on Centre Street

- i. 108 Centre Street will be developed involving 100 units of housing (50 assisted living and 50 independent)
- c. Frank Caro informed the committee about a survey by UMass Boston Gerontology Institute re what community services are needed.

10. Treasurers report (John Seay)

- a. John Seay reported an error caused by miscommunication has been corrected.

11. Committee reports

- a. Finance – No report.
- b. Communications
 - i. Elenore Parker reported - PR for the Annual Meeting includes articles in Tab and Patch.
 - ii. Ruthann Dobek reported – 65 people registered to attend which means 85 to 100 or more will attend.
- c. Membership – 389 members overall and committee needs member volunteers and a chair.
- d. Education – Following events/publications
 - i. 10/17 – “Retirement Insecurity in the Age of Inequality” cancelled and is to be rescheduled at some future time.
 - ii. 11/12 – Eugenia Zuckerman "Like Falling Through A Cloud" for Alzheimers Awareness Month.
- e. Livable community advocacy committee and age-friendly city
 - i. Warrant articles of interest to BrooklineCAN – electric scooters, accessory dwelling by-law, reduction of water and sewer rate authority to Select Board, proposal for real estate transfer tax to finance affordable housing, fund TRIPPS with Lyft tax, 10/26 – 6pm – scooter discussion.
 - ii. Age-friendly October meeting focused on public health implications of climate change – 10/22 2pm in Room 111 Town Hall.
- f. Member volunteering – Alberta Lipson not available for a report.
- g. Repair and referrals – No report.

12. New business

- a. Susan Granoff – Obtain date for presentation planned on additional property tax relief.

13. Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 3pm.