

June 15, 2022

Attendees: Ruthann Dobek, Susan Granoff, Elenore Parker, Yolanda Rodriguez, John Seay, Carol Seibert, Ruth Seidman, David Trevvett, Melissa Trevvett, Matt Weiss, Sonia Wong. Staff: Jessica Milley-Gee

1. **Steering Committee term update – from Steering Committee minutes, May 19, 2021:**

- a. Current Steering Committee members
 - i. Co-chair – Ruth Seidman (June 30, 2022)
 - ii. At-large – Carol Seibert (June 30, 2023)
 - iii. At-large – Sonia Wong (June 30, 2023)
 - iv. At-large – Judith Kidd (June 30, 2023) – Not Continuing
 - v. Co-chair – Ruthann Dobek (June 30, 2022)
 - vi. Vice-chair – Elenore Parker (June 30, 2022)
 - vii. Treasurer – John Seay (June 30, 2022)
 - viii. Clerk – Matthew Weiss (June 30, 2022)
 - ix. JF&CS Representative – Kathy Burnes – Retiring
 - x. LCAC Representative – Susan Granoff (June 30, 2022)
 - xi. CoA Representative – Yolanda Rodriguez (June 30, 2022)
 - xii. Membership Committee Representative – Melissa Trevvett
 - xiii. At-large – David Trevvett (June 30, 2022)
- b. Discussion
 - i. Judith Kidd is resigning from the Steering Committee.
 - ii. Melissa recommended adding Janet Gelbart to the Steering Committee.
 - iii. Motion by Matt Weiss to replace Judith Kidd with Janet Gelbart as an At-large member of the Steering Committee was unanimously passed.

2. **Discussion of summer meeting schedule**

- a. Agreement to cancel July meeting.
- b. Extensive discussion as to appropriate August date.
- c. Decided on one summer meeting on 8/10/2022.

3. **Annual Meeting- September 15, 2022 5-7 PM**

- a. Committee on Annual Meeting recommended delay of the Annual Meeting due to Covid and time frame.
- b. Annual meeting has been delayed until later in the year.
- c. Recommended we recognize Frank Caro and Kathy Burnes for their contributions at the Annual Meeting.
- d. Need larger committee to plan and coordinate the meeting.
- e. Consider a gift card for the AFB businesses that are BrooklineCAN members thanking them for their loyalty.

4. Brookline Day – September 18, 2022 in Coolidge Corner

- a. Brookline Day is 11am to 3pm Beacon to Stedman Streets.
- b. Transportation from South Brookline to be provided.
- c. Application forms for a booth to be sent soon from Recreation.
- d. Elenore agreed to work on promotion.
- e. John agreed to work on the day and help as needed.
- f. David and Matt agreed to staff table.
- g. Sonia agreed to staff table and bring material.
- h. Susan agreed to staff and be available to talk to people.
- i. Yolanda agreed to help bring material.
- j. David – Need to sign people up for shifts (few people at a time), bring materials and setup, need a bit of planning.
- k. Susan suggested a quiz or game to attract people.
- l. John – Follow Brookline Day page on Town website.
- m. Ruth – Send email summarizing commitments.

5. Discussion of BUSPH Project: Brookline Older Adult Community Health Needs Assessment

(<https://www.brooklinema.gov/DocumentCenter/View/32698>) See *intro and Executive summary attached*

- a. Ruthann – See attachment to meeting invite.
- b. Identifies needs for transportation, affordable housing (including in home and purchase/rent), and technology.
- c. Ruth – Look over report and see if there are follow-up opportunities for BrooklineCAN.
- d. Susan – Report will go to Town Administrator (who is leaving).
- e. Ruthann – Report not delivered to Select Board as yet.
- f. Ruthann – Good data and very readable.

6. Discussion on how to promote Journal of Aging Research and Social Policy dedicated to Frank

<https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/rP7KCBBR6psJgxvBSzKRW9?domain=blogs.umb.edu/>

- a. John – Paragraph is on website linking to article on Frank Caro.
- b. John – Link to article on Frank’s tribute page on website.
- c. Ruth – Will be addressed in the BrooklineCAN newsletter.
- d. Ruth – Elenore will create a press release.
- e. Susan – Wonderful article especially re “productive aging”.
- f. Ruthann – Journal author will reach out to BrooklineCAN.

7. Update on ARPA Funding

- a. Ruthann – No word when 2nd round funding planning will begin.
- b. Probably in the fall.

8. Discussion of Town Meeting warrant articles (Article 30 and any other relevant articles)

- a. Susan reported
 - i. – Warrant article 30 Select Board version approved retaining 37 parking spaces and reinvestigating “air rights”.
 - ii. Budget passed \$348,600,000.
 - iii. Included amendment for \$147,000 to improve curb ramps for wheel chairs, strollers and walkers.
 - iv. Ban on gas powered leaf blowers failed.
 - v. 16 and 17 year-old voting failed.
 - vi. Ban on single use plastics starting 1/2023 passed.
 - vii. Home rule request for permanent legal residents to vote in Town elections passed.
 - viii. Increasing EV charging stations and accessible bicycle parking in multifamily buildings.
 - ix. \$200,000 funding for comprehensive planning committee.
 - x. Zoning board approved construction required to have liaisons with neighborhoods in which construction occurs.
 - xi. Increase in cost-of-living adjustment for Town retirees.
 - xii. Artificial turf versus grass is highly controversial – tabled.
 - xiii. A number of articles were referred to the appropriate departments for reconsideration and further detail.
- b. David added
 - i. Warrant article 30 allowed 10 spaces to be off site allowing reconsideration of air rights.
 - ii. Rec scholarships were for older adults as well as children.

9. Status of Application to AARP as an Age-Friendly Community

- a. Matt – No progress.

10. BrooklineCAN’s Age-Friendly Business Program

- a. Discussion regarding future of the program
 - i. None.
- b. Collaboration on follow up with Town’s brochure addressing accessibility
 - i. Ruthann – Awaiting input from Commission on Disability.
 - ii. Ruthann – Next step is update applications and proceed.
- c. Grant progress from JF&CS

Please reference the Age-Friendly material found on website:

https://www.brooklinecan.org/age_friendly_business.html

11. Treasurers (John)

- a. Standard expense re administration assistant.
- b. Renewals down but not unusual.

12. Committee reports

- a. Membership
 - i. A chair or co-chairs are needed for the committee.
 - ii. Discuss further over the summer.
- b. Communications
 - i. Newsletter – Includes: older adult community health report, article on available online newsletters, listing of current events for older adults, Senior Center items.
 - ii. News Releases – Elenore working on release about Frank Caro material in journal.
 - iii. Website – Everyone access the website and note Upcoming Events page which is updated daily.
 - iv. AFC-TV – Alexandra Vecchio is the guest for Episode 37.
- c. Livable Communities – Susan Granoff reported
 - i. Committee has taken a hiatus for the summer.
 - ii. Next meeting is September 12th.
 - iii. Interesting presentation on Vision Zero from Transportation Board at 6/13 meeting.
 - iv. Slides from the presentation to be sent to LCAC distribution.
 - v. Slides also on transportation page of BrooklineCAN website.
 - vi. Expect coverage in BrooklineCAN newsletter.
 - vii. Highly contested primary on September 6th between current officeholder Tommy Vitolo and challenger Raul Fernandez.
 - viii. Carol Seibert described her role on the League of Women Voters (LMV) as legislative envoy and suggested such a role for a BrooklineCAN member for BrooklineCAN.
 - ix. David Trevvett supports idea of a few questions for the two candidates with answers published as an email blast.
 - x. Susan requested questions to her 7/15 and following review by Steering Committee will present them to the candidates.
- d. Education
 - i. **Review of “I’m Getting Older Too”:** Challenges and Benefits Experienced by Very Old Parents and Their Children
Speaker: Elizabeth Gallagher **April 27 at 5:30PM** at Goddard House

- ii. Review of Stephen Post- “Dignity for Deeply Forgetful People” scheduled **May 24 at 5:30PM** at Brookline Senior Center.
- iii. Jane Fleishman- “Let’s Get Physical: Biopsychosocial Aspects of Sexuality and Aging” **Wed, June 15th from 1:30PM-3PM**
- iv. Re-invite Harry Margolis- “Getting Your Ducks in Order”.
- v. All the Lonely People” update.

13. Old & new business

- a. Questions for the candidates to Susan Granoff by July 15th.

14. Next meeting: Wednesday, August 10th, 2022