

Weston COA Strategic Initiative Committee Meeting Minutes 7/10/23

This hybrid meeting was held at the COA and called to order at 9:02 by Co-Chair Wayne Johnson.

The Governor's order for hybrid meetings was read by Linda Johnson:

Under current state law public bodies may continue holding hybrid and fully remote meetings, without a quorum of the public body physically present, as long as adequate, alternative access is provided. Information about how to join a hybrid or fully remote hearing will be included in the required Open Meeting Law posting.

Present: Sue Ruskin-Friend, Bob Froh, Joan Heilbronner, Joan Ingersoll (ex officio), Linda Johnson, Wayne Johnson (Co-Chair), Brian Kardon, Jean MacQuiddy, Tom Nicholson, Prather Palmer and Kristen Frady (staff)

Guest: Danielle Black (COA UPC Designee), Alice Benson (COA Housing Committee Chair), Alan Rice (resident)

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

A motion was made by Joan Heilbronner and seconded by Wayne Johnson to approve the minutes from the June 12 meeting which passed unanimously.

Resident Concerns / Comments

None

Discussion Open Land and Older Adult Housing Areas of Focus

Alice Benson presented her COA Housing Committee overview and update.

- Observations and Action
 - Seniors not exploring different housing models – need more education
 - Weston has limited housing options
- COA Housing Committee mission includes promoting housing options including advocating for affordable housing and ADUs.
- Major issue is zoning for CCRC development (currently requires at least 40 acres)
- Potential sites for housing in town were noted and COA Board will hear presentation regarding plans for former Sunrise property at their meeting on 7/20.
- Housing needs to be discussed at the town level. Many separate groups – UPC can centralize the housing focus)

Discussion – what is COA key needs priority? Danielle needs clarification before UPC starts up.

- SIC consensus – while senior housing is important, housing really is an issue to be addressed by the Town. More COA space for programming and activities should be the COA priority. More discussion and decision from the COA Board needed.

Review New Draft of Mission, Vision, and Values Statement

SIC voted to ask for the COA Board approval of the 6-15-23 draft of the Mission, Vision, Values document (Joan Heilbronner proposed, Tom Nicholson seconded). The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10am.

Next meeting is planned for 9/11/23 at 9:00 at the COA

Respectfully submitted: Tom Nicholson 7/15/23