

COA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 20 July 2023

This hybrid meeting was called to order at 8:33am by Chair, Linda Johnson. She read the new introduction required by the Commonwealth:

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: Alice Benson (Associate Member) (Remote), Paul Foley (Remote), Vida Goldstein (Associate Member) (Remote), Joan Heilbronner (Vice Chair), Linda Johnson (Chair), Wayne Johnson, Brian Kardon, Jean MacQuiddy, Carol Ott, Karin Ott, Prather Palmer, Sue Pauker (Remote), Anita Raman, Laura Whitehouse, and Joan Ingersoll (Director, ex officio)

Absent: Sue Ruskin Friend, Gerri Scoll (Associate Member),

Guests: Danielle Black (UPC Designee), Betsey Brew Boyd (Friends liaison), Dante Angellucci, Bob Parsekian, Tim Timko, Tim Macrae, Jack Brown, and Alan Rice

Resident Concerns and Comments: None

Review and Approve Minutes

A motion was made to approve the Minutes from the June 15, 2023 meeting.

[The minutes of the meeting on June 15, 2023 were approved unanimously.](#)

Presentation of Proposed Plan for 135 North Avenue

Bob Parsekian gave a brief history of the property and then outlined the preliminary vision to develop multi family housing which would include 20 rental units of affordable housing (Studio, 1BR, and 2BR) for residences for older adults on the property at 135 North Avenue (formerly Sunrise). Discussed pathways toward next steps.

A motion was made for the COA to informally support the preliminary plans to convert the Sunrise property to a multi family 55+ facility of 20 units.

[The motion passed with Karin Ott not present for the discussion or vote.](#)

New Board Member Introductions

Linda welcomed our three new Board members, Karin Ott, Anita Raman, and Laura Whitehouse, and each spoke briefly to introduce herself to the Board.

Director's Report (Joan Ingersoll)

My Senior Center training for credit card use and new transportation module is complete. Credit card use requires a compliance component that IT must complete before launch. Performance review process underway. Audrey earned a new position title and grade change to include Transportation Coordinator. Sandy also earned a title change to include Communications Coordinator. Survey sent from Kristen relating to programming. Approximately 10% responded. Kristen and Joan are evaluating responses. There are waiting list for many activities as well as rides, and these are being tracked. Looking into some programs for Brook School residents. 50th Anniversary event planned for April 12, 2024. Joan presented a dashboard to show participation and other interactions (rides, social service, assistance etc.) with COA, including wait list data.

Mission/Vision/Values Discussion

Discussion of the edited draft M/V/V Statement, which includes broader inclusion language based on input from Board members and staff.

A motion was made to adopt the Mission/Vision/Values Statement as proposed.

The motion passed unanimously.

Committee/Liaison Reports:

Governance Committee: After meeting with Leon and gathering information from COAs in neighboring communities, it appears that a review of our current Board/Committee structure is warranted to make the COA Board/Committees better align with other Town Boards in Weston and COAs in other communities. Linda and Joan plan to meet with all Committee Chairs to discuss next steps.

Orientation plan for new Board members is underway.

Strategic Initiative Committee:

Alice presented a detailed housing report. While the committee members agree that housing for older adults in Weston is an important issue, they concluded that it was a discussion better had at the Town level and that the UPC may present an opportunity to get the many housing groups in Town together for a productive discussion. The Committee members concluded that the most pressing priority for the COA is to get additional space to support the growing population of older adults in town.

Linda and Joan are planning a meeting with Laurie Bent to further discuss COA priorities.

Friends:

Betsey was voted in as co-President with Holley Tolley. Holley will step back from the position in December. Becky Ames was voted in as a new member. A \$6000 block grant to the COA was approved.

Approve Expenditure of Zolla Fund Interest

A motion was made to approve the expenditure of the the Zolla Fund interest.

The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 am.

Next Meeting:

September 21, 2023 at 8:30am

*Respectfully submitted by Joan Heilbronner
21 September 2023*