

Minutes of Board meeting of June 8, 2010

Board Members Present Mollie Gadarowski; Vice President, Patricia Burgess, Mary Ann Dalton; Lisa Hartnett; and Carmela Schipani.

Staff Present: Eileen Ginnetty, Patricia Johnson, Vincent McCarthy, Susan Pacheco and Emma Watkins.

The minutes from the May 11th meeting were accepted.

COA Executive Director's Report; Eileen distributed a flyer for a community auction on June 17 to benefit Haiti. The focus of the Mayor's MIT picnic May 12th was "Get Up & Go" concentrating on balance issues and fall prevention. Evaluations were conducted on site. The final draft of Aging Place Plan has been submitted to the Department of Human Service Programs and City Council members for review.

Client Services: Transportation has hired a new back-up driver for COA, Luis Luciano. Luis will be the spare driver for senior trips. Alicia Johnson has her certification as our SHINE counselor. Liz Seelman is currently on extended Leave due to an accident.

Eileen Ginnetty introduced Sue Clippinger, Director, Traffic & Parking to discuss senior traffic concerns. Sue reported since the price of gas has increased, the Cambridge Police Department has reported more and more bike riders. Yet, there has not been a significant amount of accidents where the riders have hit pedestrians. The norm is autos w/bikers. Sue reported that bikers need to follow the same rules as autos. No bikes riders are allowed on the sidewalks. Now that Cambridge has more bike lanes, a board member wanted to know what recourse does a senior have if a bikers violates traffic rules or using cell phones while riding. There is no penalty.

Sue updated the board members regarding the Oxford/Wendell Street accident where one of our senior participants was killed. The Cambridge Police reported the driver was not at fault.

CD currently is involved in the design project of Western Avenue.

New electric power stations installation will begin soon per N. Star Electric Company.

Citywide Senior Center: Emma reported Tufts Osher Lifelong Learning Institute will present an exploration of the history of the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians. Two sessions are planned: July 12th and August 9th.

Digital storytelling in conjunction with CCTV will continue on June 4, 11 18, and 29.

A trip to the Charlesgate Yacht Club is planned on June 30. Selection by lottery.

North Cambridge Senior Center: Vincent is excited to announce North Cambridge's continuing participation in *Art through The Ages* a summer program of public art presentation at various parks in Cambridge.

A new program will be introduced: Ch 5 Chronicle TV Discussion on Tuesdays in June.

The Charlesgate Yacht club trip will take place on June 23.

Yoga and Watercolor will not meet in the summer months.

"So many choices for seniors in Cambridge...this is the city to get old in"

Respectfully Submitted

Pat Johnson