

## **Minutes of Board Meeting of January 11, 2011.**

Board Members Present: William Cobham, President; Patricia Burgess, Vice President; Yaw O. Adjei-Koranteng, Maureen Harty, and Carmela Schipani.

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

Minutes from December 14 were accepted.

### **COA Executive Director's Report:**

Eileen noted that Councilor Henrietta Davis is chairing a Mayor's Silver Ribbon Commission to meet monthly for the next year to look at housing options for people aging in the community. If anyone is interested in being appointed to the Commission they can contact the Councilor's office. Eileen and Ellen Semonoff, Assistant City Manager for Human Services, will both be part of a group of staff involved in the Commission.

Also, Edna was unable to be at today's meeting but passed along an update to share. Edna reports that in Vice Mayor Davis' December 10<sup>th</sup> newsletters she said that she and other City Councilors are asking for more education and enforcement to motivate bikers to stop at crosswalks and red lights.

**North Cambridge Senior Center:** Vincent's report was pushed up so he could leave early to prepare for a Pizza Party at 11:30 and intergenerational Dessert Potluck both being held today.

Raisin in the Sun, Glory and The Great Debaters are our North Cambridge's February movies celebrating Black History month. Also, a post-Valentine's Day breakfast social will be held on 2/15.

**Client Services:** Susan noted that Medicare Open Enrollment ended 12/31/2010. This has been a busy season for social service staff.

On January 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00, Undersecretary Barbara Anthony, MAS Office of Consumer Affairs & Business Regulations, will present ***SCAMS and Other Important Consumer Issues Facing Seniors***.

**Citywide Senior Center:** Emma announced that a new 8 week session of exploring watercolor techniques starts on January 3. The Senior Center celebrates the New Year with a celebration on January 3 for dinner from 4:30-6. Reservations are required.

Both the Mysteries of the Cosmos and Elderquest Movie continue this month. Our Martin Luther King celebration is on Thursday January 13, with guest speaker, Councilor Denise Simmons. Our monthly theme party is "Frozen Beach Party" with our Line Dance Instructor, Art Sullivan. This is a "dress up" event with a prize for the best summer outfit. Every Tuesday the newly formed Latino group, "Comadreando" meets. Events will be planned to reflect Latino Culture. Open to seniors over 60.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 8.

Respectfully Submitted  
Pat Johnson