

Minutes of Board Meeting of June 12, 2012

Board Members Present: William Cobham, President, Pat Burgess
Yaw O. Adjei-Koranteng, Maureen Harty, Edna Stamp, and Carmela Schipani.

Staff Present: Lisa Castagna; Eileen Ginnetty; Vincent McCarthy; Susan Pacheco; Emma Watkins

Minutes from May 8, 2012 meeting were accepted.

COA Executive Director's Report: Eileen reported the State formula grant is based on \$7.00 per senior contributes \$92.092 to our budget which funds SCM Transportation and our Weekend Coordinator position among other items. The City supports the COA with a budget of approximately \$1.1 million. We hope some capital funds may be found to repave the back lot.

We have Community Development transportation surveys in both centers. Related, the Bike and Pedestrian Committee seeks members. Bill and Edna volunteered to be considered.

Citywide Senior Center: Emma reports: a major first GLBT event will be held on June 26th; a Jazz concert and reception for LGBT seniors and their friends. She noted our next LBGT event will be a line dance with Arthur Sullivan. The Senior Center plans to apply a \$500 grant for men's health toward a diabetes group. Bill strongly supports men's wellness. Since our seniors participate in the Keep Moving event on Castle Island Emma applied for a transportation scholarship.

Client Services: Susan noted the Elder Law presentation on May 14 had a turnout of 25+. Also a COA sponsored training at Millers River Apartments on "Spring Cleanup helpful hints". Yaw, who is the Service Coordinator in that building, worked with Susan and her staff on this. The presenter was Dr. Christiana Bratiotis from B.U. Trainers from Inspectional Services and Public Health participated. One of the comments was "it was too short". It too had a good turnout. Susan supports a new outreach event later in the year. Carol Silva and Pamela Howard are finding more seniors in homes when they arrive for children's services or domestic violence inquires, part of Community Engagement. They do not know exactly how to socially engage those seniors.

North Cambridge Senior Center: Vincent reported the Talking with Delores film and discussion was well received. North Cambridge Open Studios featuring Seniors April Nadeau and Joyce Wang was a success, as was a WirelessEd seminar with Corey Piltz. The needle crafts group is planning to make hats for the Homeless Census care packages. The new 2050 Meals site director is Kathy Florentino. 2050's Charlesgate trip is on for lunch and possibly the river cruise weather permitting.

Respectfully Submitted
Lisa Castagna

Next meeting Tuesday September 11, 9:30 am