

Minutes of Board Meeting of December 14, 2010

Board Members Present: William Cobham, President, Patricia Burgess, Vice President, Yaw O. Adjei-Koranteng, Mary Ann Dalton, Maureen Harty, Carmela Schipani, and Edna Stamp.

Staff Present: Eileen Ginnetty, Patricia Johnson, and Susan Pacheco.

Minutes from October 12 were accepted.

COA Executive Director's Report; Eileen introduced the board to our returning member, Maureen Harty, and welcomed Yaw.

Eileen updated the board on the 11/10 Housing Options as We Age meeting which was held at the library. The meeting's focus was targeting the city's senior housing needs. A winter intern assigned to the Council on Aging will be working on this.

Edna Stamp updated us on items discussed at the city's "World Cafe". The format was round table discussions with everyone's input speaking to consultants and councilors as well. Edna's prominent concern is "biking" in Cambridge. Safety, abuse of traffic signals, and biking on the sidewalk was discussed.

Client Services: Susan noted that Medicare Open enrollment is continuing, and there are many scheduled appointments which will continue through December 31 for coverage beginning January 1, 2011.

Susan alerted the board that "Keeping You Safe: You and Your Medications discussion will take place on December 16.

The Red Ribbon Commission of Central Sq., chaired by Councilor Ken Reeves, meets monthly to discuss "delights and concerns of Central Sq." Susan has been appointed to this commission and the commission has been meeting since August and will do so for one year. Susan will be serving on the "Infrastructure & safety Sub-Committee", chaired by Police Commissioner, Robert C. Haas. Susan will keep us abreast of the concerns of the committee.

Citywide Senior Center: In Emma's absence Eileen reported that Discover the Mysteries of the Cosmos program is continuing with a meeting this afternoon. The Elderquest series is also continuing, and is well attended.

A concern was raised regarding individuals entering the ballroom for parties who wait in the hall. This concern will be reviewed.

North Cambridge Senior Center: In Vincent's absence Eileen reported that due to under enrollment, the West Cambridge exercise program has ended. The initial class was scheduled for a six week period of time. 2050's Holiday party is scheduled for this afternoon at the West Cambridge Youth Center.

Mary Ann Dalton reported that SCES with funding from the Tufts Foundation will sponsor additional balance and falls seminars. The recent, "Get Up & Go" presentation and evaluation of participants were a huge success. Yaw Adjei-Koranteng commented on some of the current Cambridge Housing Authority changes and moves. An anticipated completion date for renovations of August 11 was cited.

Respectfully Submitted
Pat Johnson