

## **Minutes of Board Meeting of June 10, 2013**

**Board Members Present:** Ethel Ampey, Elizabeth Cadigan, William Cobham, Kenneth Hebert, Pearl Hines, Benjamin Horner, Ismail Laher, Jeanne Ryde and Carole Feeney-Withrow

**Absent:** Lois Carra and Miranda Heibel

**Staff Present:** Vincent McCarthy, Susan Pacheco and Emma Watkins

Meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by President Cobham

### **1. Review/acceptance of April 8 and May 13, 2013 meetings**

President Cobham requested a suspension of approval of minutes at previous month's meeting and tabled for review/acceptance at June meeting. Ethel Ampey made a motion to accept minutes with corrections as needed. Minutes unanimously approved.

### **2. Reports**

#### **COA Executive Director**

- Susan congratulated Bill Cobham on his recent recognition through the Cambridge Public Health Dept. and his work with the Men's Health League.
- Susan announced that as of 5/28/13, Vincent McCarthy transitioned into his new role, Director of Client Services.
- A fall outreach event is being planned on Hoarding. More details to follow.
- Mass Council on Aging (MCOA) is partnering with the National Council on Aging and the National Institute of Senior Centers for the first ever National Senior Center Conference titled: "Senior Centers 2013: Where Do we Grow from Here". This event will be held on October 2-4, 2013 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel. Details and registration forms to be posted by mid-July on [www.mcoaonline.com](http://www.mcoaonline.com).

#### **Citywide Senior Center**

- Emma reported on recent advocacy efforts by Mass Senior Action Council regarding The RIDE through MBTA. There is a movement to have the fare on a tiered system based on income rather than a straight fare. When more info is available, she will share.
- Currently advertising for Food Pantry Assistant position.
- Events to note:
  - 6/5/13 – Cambridge Boat Club hosted 30 seniors.
  - 6/12/13 – Evergreen Senior Chorus will have concert from 10-12 noon.
  - 6/18/13 – Bake Sale Fundraiser (*all proceeds will be deposited into COA Senior Grant Code*). \*
  - 6/19/13 – 806 Senior Center will be guests of the Charles Gate Yacht Club.
  - 6/27/13 – 806 monthly party

*\*Each fiscal year, COA is required to raise \$35,000 in revenue, through classes, trips, functions, etc. Once COA revenue goal is met, all additional revenue can be deposited into grant code. The balance in the Senior Grant Code is allowed to be carried over, year after year.*

### **North Cambridge Senior Center**

- Vincent attended the Mental Health conference on 6/5/13. Primary focus was on substance abuse on older adults. Also, *Talking with Delores* a play on Depression and Elder Suicide was presented.  
Events to Note:
- 6/11/13 guest speaker at Men's Breakfast will be George Fosque, Director of Emergency Communications Center.
- 6/12/13 – 2050 will be guests of the Charles Gate Yacht Club.
- 6/20/13 – 2050 "27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party"
- Vincent announced he is very excited about transitioning into his new position. He expressed his gratitude.

### **Client Services**

- No report

### **3. Old Business**

- None to report

### **4. New Business**

- President Cobham presented the written amendment to the Bylaws.

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By affirmative vote of a majority of the seated members at the November 13, 2012 regular meeting of the Council, the meeting date of the Council was changed to the second Monday of each month.

This vote amends **Article 10. Meetings of the Council: Section 1.** *A membership meeting of the Council shall ordinarily be held on the second Tuesday of each month.*

#### **Amendment:**

#### **Article 10. Meetings of the Council:**

**Section 1.** A membership meeting of the Council shall ordinarily be held on the second Monday of each month.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 9, 2013 @ 11:00 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan Pacheco