



Vision 2020 Standing Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2016

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex, First Floor Conference Room

Present: Juli Brazile, Amy Goldstein, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Sue Doctrow, Joey Glushko, Mary Harrison

Visitors: Jen Toole – potential new member

Absent: Annie LaCourt, Scott Lever, Joshua Lobel

1. Approve minutes of April 9, 2016

After discussing and approving minor revisions, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of April 9, 2016.

2. Budget Report

Juli reported that the funds the Committee had voted to support the combined Precinct Meeting at the Hardy School were not needed due to private fundraising by the participating Precincts. With the end-of-fiscal-year surplus, the Committee discussed creating additional banners for use at Town Day and Candidate's Night. Juli and Elisabeth agreed to draft ideas for review.

Joey reported that the Comptroller confirmed that gift accounts can be established for donations through the Town, and that guidance on restrictions for this type of account will be provided by Town Counsel. In addition to the donation to the Diversity Task Group that prompted this discussion, the Education Task Group is exploring funding mechanisms for the potential screening a documentary film in the fall that would cost \$350. The organization that arranges the screenings suggests options for charging for the event or accepting free will offerings, which would need to be explored with Town Counsel. Sue reported that *Chairful Where You Sit* created an online account through Brown Paper Ticket that allows credit card transactions.

3. Task Group Reports

The Committee discussed the 2016 Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast. It was decided to hold the event from 7:30 to 9 AM on Friday, June 17th at the Whittemore Robbins House (outside in good weather, inside in bad.) Juli said she would contact Patsy Kraemer to confirm.

Mary reported that the Diversity Task Group is planning programs with children. They plan to contact the Town's established youth groups to learn what they see as the need for programs that are related to diversity for youth. Mary also expressed a desire to provide organizational and procedural background on Vision 2020 for the Task Group's new members. She volunteered to draft an outline for a new member manual.

Juli announced that the June meeting will open at 7 PM with a reception to honor the members stepping down from the Standing Committee: Joey Glushko, Mary Harrison and Josh Lobel. Invitations will be extended to the broader Vision 2020 community.

Juli reported on the results of the poll regarding fall meeting dates. She will work with Joey to find meeting rooms on alternate Wednesdays and Thursdays to accommodate people's conflicting schedules.

The Committee discussed Precinct Meeting planning for 2017. Suggestions for promoting Precinct Meetings included: preselecting (perhaps 3) dates and locations, an early emailing to all Town Meeting Members, posting on facebook, and including notices in the free Arlington Advocate edition that includes the Town Warrant.

4. Survey 2016

The Committee discussed relevant cross tabs between the Vision 2020 Survey's questions and demographic data. Suggestions included:

- Council on Aging section / Senior age
- Walking distance question / Age
- Children in schools / Age
- Dog Park section / Precinct and Dog owner
- Precinct Meeting attendance / Years in town
- Access to computer / Age

Juli will contact the Human Rights Commission to determine relative cross tabs for their Survey section. Sue will work with Leslie Meyer and Joe Connelly to finalize cross tabs for their Survey section.

5. Advisory Board Planning

Juli reported that June will be a difficult month to schedule the next joint meeting with the Vision 2020 Advisory Board, and suggested that September would be better. The Committee reviewed Vision 2020's Town Goals beside the vision items from Arlington's Master Plan. In preparation for the joint meeting, Committee members were asked to think about how to mold Vision 2020's human infrastructure vision to complement the Master Plan's physical infrastructure vision.

The Committee briefly discussed where the missions of Vision 2020 and those of other groups now overlap. As an example, it's unclear what a Business Task Group should do in a town with an active Chamber of Commerce and an Economic Development Director in the Planning Department. In this respect, Vision 2020's job may be to bring together residents and experts to have a deeper discussion about developing a new community vision of the existing Goals.

6. Standing Committee Membership

No discussion. Juli will work with Joan Roman to publicize the vacancies.

7. New Business

There was no new business.

Submitted by Elisabeth Carr-Jones