



Vision 2020 Standing Committee Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2016

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex, first floor conference room

Present: Juli Brazile, Scott Lever, Sue Doctrow, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Annie LaCourt

Absent: Amy Goldstein

Visitors: Nat Strosberg (pending formal approval by Town Manager), Jen Toole (pending formal approval by Director of Planning)

1. Welcome and membership update – We introduced ourselves to the new Senior Planner, Nat Strosberg, who has just joined us from Ashland.

2. Approve minutes of June 8, 2016 – June minutes approved.

3. Town Day plans – Juli has been tracking down participants and the necessary gear. We will be able to lend the PA system to the Poet Laureate.

4. Task Groups

Education - Scott has been reaching out to leaders in town. Is on Kathy Bodie's agenda, will be having a first meeting with parents on Thursday. Looking for date for film showing in November so it is after the election. Also talked with the library folks as well. May do this as a community read in addition.

Vision 2020 Manual Details - Juli is working on a draft. Jenny Raitt is providing instructions for the Gift Account.

True Story Theatre is applying for a follow on grant related to youth issues. We need to think about what we want to do for the 2nd year of the grant. They do a monthly performance and the next one may be for Sustainable Arlington. Their fundraiser is Sunday Nov. 6th and we will likely be asked to participate in some way as the lead partner.

Diversity - Mary Harrison forwarded Juli information about two events in Belmont. One is a meet and greet to bring neighbors together and reach out to new residents. The other is a community information fair where residents can learn about volunteering, organizations and local government. One of our longtime Vision 2020 volunteers has been suggesting a spring volunteer fair along these lines – maybe some year when EcoFest doesn't happen or in partnership with EcoFest.

Approved Reservoir Committee's request for \$200.00 for printing.

5. Survey 2016 final reports - need to consult Josh about cross tabs for a final report. Need to be sure we understand how to do this in the new software. We want each group to write a memo back about what they learned and plan to do with it. Juli made assignments for getting this done.

6. Survey 2017 preliminary plans - Scott may be able connect us to statisticians/ people who may be willing to help us write the survey. Nat will help us make sure the survey is used by the town.

1. CPA with Eric Helmuth as the lead
2. Mothers Out Front via the energy working group with Erin Taylor as lead
3. Arlington Public Art – wants to do an inventory of artists. How can we do this?
4. ACA questions – Juli will contact Linda Shoemaker
5. Volunteer questions?
6. Zoning/commercial districts?

7. Advisory Board - we will set a date in October and let the members know.

8. New Business

Annie proposed a showing of the documentary “One Big Home” which seems relevant to current local concerns about residential zoning. This could be the start of a Vision 2020 film festival if we added films on Diversity and Environmental/Sustainability issues. One Big Home costs \$500 so we will need to address issues of funding this and how to manage ticket sales or donations.

Adjourned by: 9:05

Submitted by Annie LaCourt