Minutes for February 10, 2021
5-7pm via Zoom

Call to Order Maxine called the meeting to order.
Present: Maxine Beecher, Sue Henderson, Tony Grande, Bernadette Kroon, Lisa Joyce, Carol Kilroy, Jena Grant, Kathleen Babeu

Minutes last meeting: Motion made by Lisa and seconded by Jana to accept the January minutes, with the correction to spelling of Jana and taking the extra space out of the total of our money.

Treasurers Report: deferred until Feb. meeting

Executive Comm Report.

1. What does the Action Plan ask of us? Pat O. that we review the Action Plan that Madison submitted. The AARP guidelines spell out the needed steps. Many things we have done, somethings need be fleshed out, like our description of the city, the short bio’s of our Committee. Identifying Mission, Vision and Values (we pretty much have this, but need make explicit. Note how we engaged the community.
Sue spoke with Pat O. Pat said it was fine that we did not chose to work with AARP from the beginning. We do not have to repeat our survey. We do not need to specifically have a plan for each of the 8 domains, she said that they overlap. They would like us to have 3-5 focal points. (it is clear that our recommendations overlap from more than one domain) We should submit drafts. The group felt that we should offer money to Adele for helping us write the report.

2. Looking at last year’s objectives: Bernadette will email us a grid so that we can identify what we have done, and what we are missing and plan

3. Brainstorming social isolation: this discussion was postponed to next agenda. The shoveling program identifies that people have a need to talk. Churches are calling people. We need to look at activities during the pandemic and after. Short term planning includes low hanging fruit, long range planning also needed.

4. Pat Oh’s request re an America-corps helper: group felt that we were not ready for this and Sue will report that back to Pat O. We likely could use student helpers in a variety of ways. We spoke of volunteer handy-man workers, or organizing neighborhood helpers, or social isolation work. We could look at SMCC students, Bernadette will talk to people at her school. Lisa will contact Stephanie about possibility of getting someone. Students could facilitate our work at a technical level and at a higher organization level.

Subcommittee Reports

- Communication: Article on TV scheduling sent to Sentry. We need to post the schedule our facebook page, and consider other ways to get this word out. Schedule should be attached to bottom of articles to Sentry.

- Transportation: Tony meeting with Donna to see if more money is needed for rides to Food Cupboard, and with Calm the Traffic, through his work, is working on reports of high crash areas
in SP with Officer Navarro. Through the Bike/Ped committee, he is meeting with the Public Works Director, Jim Tasse from the Bike Coalition of Maine, Officer Navarro and the new traffic person in the Sustainability Department, Casil, to discuss possible grants to resolve four areas of difficult pedestrian movement: Angle and Preble, ST Cyr Court and Broadway, Keswick Street, and Chestnut Street and the Green Belt Walkway.

- Health and Community: Bernadette connected with Anne Guest re more slots at a Matter of Balance. Anne is training re virtual programs but also wants to do in person. A faculty with a student runs a group so funding would not be needed.
  It was suggested that we could partner with the SP Farmers’ market. The state has a $50 stipend for low-income seniors in an account, we could contribute to that account. (no action was taken)

- Housing: Shoveling. One shoveler is not available for a while, Michel Pock agreed to take over for that person. Student shovelers: Carol will communicate with the coach. She may need to have and share cellphone numbers of students. Carol definitely needs phone numbers for the “leads”. Jana has a meeting scheduled with the group.

Public Comment

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Recording: Sue