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

Call to Order: call to order
Members Present: Maxine Beecher, Sue Henderson, Tony Grande, Bernadette Kroon, Lisa Joyce, Carol Kilroy, Jena Grant, Kathleen Babeu, Stephanie Carpenito, Chad MacLeod

Approval of Minutes from Feb 2021: approved with correction of name to Cashel Stewart and Angel Street under Transportation report.

We are waiting for clarification of Finance report from the City before seeking approval. Our records match the city’s except for the $500 dollar donation which was subtracted from our account to give to Social Services, but never added into our account. The money was directly deposited into the Social Service budget and never in ours. Request in to City Clerk to clarify.

Subcommittee reports

Communication: TV station noted that power point re pandemic aid needed updated. Chad will send power point to Kathleen who will update and send back to Chad who will update and send back to TV station. We will put an additional $500 in the Social Service budget for rides, the previous money has been used and there are more requests.

Transportation: Tony is working with others on BikePed Committee to submit a challenge grant re projects noted last meeting.

Housing: very positive feedback re snow shoveling. We need to identify how to keep volunteers qualified, consider you to say thank you to all. We had about 15 recipients, probably can expand next year.

Health and Community: Tai Chi video completed! Lisa is working on a research project with UNE and Maine Health related to social isolation.

Planning for the coming year:

Adele has agreed to help write the report and does not wish to accept any money

We began by discussing how things are going in general.

Zoom works well for our meetings. We will continue to sort out how to best set up meetings after getting feedback from City re FOA requirements. Bernadette offered us use of her account if need be. Articles in the Sentry went well. Maxine thinks we could market our brand. We have an indirect feedback loop, but not as much direct feedback. Carol, Kathleen and Chad did a great job with snow shoveling, maybe we could broaden range of those eligible next year, start earlier with volunteers, see if a parent could be responsible if the parent brings a child to helief.p and the parent is directly responsible. We have worked well together, have a wide variety of skills and continuation of people. Tony noted that planning a walking event might be used to publicize and also collect feedback in
addition to the purpose of the event itself. We discussed the Data Dashboard and the commitment of
the city to work on falls prevention: prevention and intervention. The Housing Authority is willing to
assess home safety and make safe with things like handrails, etc. The person who fell needs an
assessment of why they fell, not clear how this can be done at this time in terms of privacy, consent and
money. Has been discussed at dashboard meeting. Falls prevention education and activities also being
discussed. Gretchen has senior students singing that needs to be linked to senior citizens. We should
talk with Karla about this.

We discussed the possibility of a neighbor-to-neighbor check in. It would be great to capture the history
of South Portland, could co-sponsor with the SPHA and Historical Society. Also, we talked about the
window insulation program (window dressing) and seeing if Rotary would help.

It was asked if the City had a list of vulnerable people that might need help in a disaster situation. Sue is
to check with the Fire Chief.

What we have done: Chad presented a color-coded grid with the domains and notation of what
recommendations that are completed projects, ongoing projects, and things not yet addressed.

Chad will send another survey related to new ideas and at our next meeting we pull things together and
decide on a plan.

Adjourned 7pm

Sue recording.