

Belmont Vision 21 Implementation Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of
June 21, 2016

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Members Present: George Durante, chair, Natalie Leino, vice chair, Doug John, Donald Mercier, Jennifer Page, Paul Solomon

Members Not in Attendance: Allen Babroudi, Mary Power, Carol Trager

Also present: Erin Lubien

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by George Durante.

I. APPROVAL OF 5/17/2016 MINUTES

The minutes of the April and May meetings were reviewed and unanimously approved.

II. MEET BELMONT UPDATE

Erin Lubien was introduced to the Committee members she had not yet met. Erin and Natalie provided the group with an update on the current status of Meet Belmont preparation. The group discussed and agreed that VIC members would again assist with distribution of flyers around town this year, with a sign-up sheet to be circulated at the July meeting.

Jennifer stated that the Town Treasurer's Office had informed her that it would be helpful for recordkeeping purposes if the VIC officially elected a treasurer for Meet Belmont. The committee agreed this proposal was a prudent idea, and given Allen Babroudi's current role with respect to Meet Belmont preparation, he was nominated to serve as Meet Belmont Treasurer. No other nominations being made, the nomination period was closed. A vote was taken, and Allen was unanimously appointed Treasurer of Meet Belmont.

III. VOTE FOR NEW VIC CHAIR

Natalie Leino, current VIC Vice Chair, was nominated to serve as VIC Chair effective July 2016. No other nominations being made, the nomination period was closed. A vote was taken, and Natalie was unanimously appointed Chair of the Committee.

The Committee agreed that appointment of a new VIC Vice Chair would be postponed until the July meeting so that it could be determined whether any of those members not present were interested in serving in this role.

IV. RECAP OF TOWN DAY PARTICIPATION

The group discussed how the VIC's participation in Town Day went this year. It was noted that the Committee did not have a great table location, leading to lower foot traffic than in previous years.

However, VIC members that volunteered, as well as Erin Lubien, passed out numerous flyers for Meet Belmont, both at the table and walking around the event. Natalie informed the group that she was interviewed by Bob Reardon on Belmont Media Center regarding the VIC, the recent survey, and Meet Belmont. While multiple people signed up to receive further information regarding serving on the VIC, George and Jennifer reached out to these individuals but were unable to find individuals with sufficient time to commit to joining the Committee. Erin Lubien left the meeting following this discussion.

V. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL BELMONT MEDIA CENTER INTERVIEW SERIES

Natalie informed the group of a discussion she had with Belmont Media Center on Town Day. After being interviewed, a representative from BMC suggested the Committee consider doing a recurring podcast, stating that once we were trained on the equipment the studio was open at flexible hours for recording. The Committee discussed a potential recurring interview series where VIC members could interview various town committee and department leaders about their ongoing work and what they are doing to address concerns raised by residents in the town-wide survey. The group agreed this idea was worth exploring further. Natalie agreed to email Belmont Media Center to get information regarding next steps and potential training for VIC members.

VI. GOALS FOR OUR NEXT MEETING

The group discussed that goals for next meeting were for Natalie to reach out to the Belmont Media Center for further details regarding a potential podcast series, and for VIC members to conduct further outreach to individuals who may be interested in serving on the Committee.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A motion was made for the Committee to go on record formally extending its thanks and gratitude to George for his wonderful service as VIC Chair. George will be moving out of Belmont and will be greatly missed.

It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 19, 2016.

VII. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Natalie Leino, Secretary Pro Tem