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MINUTES COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING

August 5, 2019

Present: M. Scali, M. Cahalane, C. Lai, E. Hamann; T. Dukas, Ellen Sullivan; Nava Niv-Vogel, Dana Leavitt

Absent: Judi Singler, Tomi Olson, Joel Samuelson, Phyl Solomon

The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

This special meeting was called to discuss two items:

Belmont Housing Trust Plans for Senior Housing with Mass. Housing Partnership

Review of Policies and Procedures for New Volunteer Driver Program

Belmont Housing Trust Plans for Senior Housing

Kevin Maguire, Managing Partner from Oxbow Urban, LLC , Consultant to the Belmont Housing Trust through the Mass Housing Partnership was the COA Board's special guest. His purpose was to discuss with the Board senior needs,, the size of the proposed development, and to elicit input from the Board. the need for senior housing in Belmont. The proposed development is to be located on 12 acres of undeveloped land on the McLean hospital property.

A strong case was made for the need of housing for low to moderate income Belmont seniors wanting to stay in Belmont.

This should be put on the September agenda to discuss how we support this need on the McLean land that will be sold.

New Volunteer Driver Program

The documents were reviewed. It was decided that the Transportation Coordinator will make the decision if the weather is inclement and the volunteer drivers should be cancelled for that day. They will call the driver who in turn will call immediately their passenger. If there are tolls to be paid the Coordinator will figure out how much should be paid to the driver.

Add NO SMOKING in the driver's car. Passengers should be encouraged to book rides for social purposes as well as medical appointments.

A MOTION was made to review classification and of the Transportation Coordinator be made. This was passed unanimously. Another **MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES NEW VOLUNTEER DRIVER PROGRAM** and was passed unanimously.

There will be another meeting to discuss how to market. Hope to have this program up and running by November 1.

Next Board meeting is September 9. Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Ethel Haman, secretary pro tem