

VISION 21 IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

May 02, 2002

Present: Jennifer Page, Joe Greene, Meg O'Brien, Barry Winston

Absent: Paul Emello, Bill Hofmann, Tim Higgins, Ralph Jones, John Sousa, Paul Solomon.

From Welcoming Newcomers Workgroup: Delores Keefe, Sue Pizzi.

Co-chair Jennifer Page called the meeting to order at 7:10

With no quorum present the minutes of the April 4 meeting were reviewed but not voted on.

1. Membership: Jennifer gave an update on the committee membership and distributed an updated contact list of committee members.

Due to a new work schedule it was noted that Paul Emello will miss several meetings this spring; meanwhile, he will continue to serve as co-chair but will review the situation with Jennifer as the picture becomes clearer.

The Selectmen liaison to the committee will be Paul Solomon.

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2. Booklet: An update on the Information guide was provided by Barry and Meg. The final draft has been submitted for printing. Additional photographs containing more "people activity" were submitted for the back cover. This was a major enhancement. We have been asked to call Minuteman on Friday May 10 for delivery dates. UPS was ruled out as an option for delivery. Delivery and storage will be handled by Ralph, Joe and Barry.

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3. BAR Event: The annual meeting of BAR (Belmont Against Racism) will be held on May 21. Our co-chairs were invited to speak. Jennifer will attend and will give an overview of how the committee got underway and how the Vision was developed; she will be also expect to listen to their ideas. (We checked: BAR is listed in the info guide)

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4. Vision 21 participation in Town Day Jennifer and Susan will explore getting a table and space. If Susan can get us a "free" table from one of the realtors, we may be able to avoid seeking reimbursement from Mel Kleckner. A questionnaire for gathering information for a skills bank was discussed. Jennifer will talk to Mel for ideas about what information would be most useful to the Selectmen. She will also draft a questionnaire for the group to review.

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5. Newcomers' concerns: Jennifer shared an e-mail letter from another newcomer, Laura Gomez Ickes, discussing how unwelcoming Belmont had seemed to her. She indicated that she spends more time in Arlington. It was agreed we should follow up with Rena in getting together with the contacts in Wellesley.

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6. Planning our work: It was mentioned that June through August may not be a good time to get together with the business community, but that we might spend some time this

summer planning how we will address the business-friendly question. Discussed inviting Cavas to help develop a strategy.

At the meeting on the 16th we will pull things together for Town Day, and also review the questionnaire.

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7. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:53 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted,
Barry Winston, Secretary, Pro Tem

Next Meeting: Thursday May 16, 7-9 PM Staff Room, Main Library