

BROCKTON COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

MINUTES May 2, 2022

Present: J. Fuller-Jones, C. Reichenberg, C. DeLorey, R. Graham, M. James, H. Soones

Excused: D. Andrews, D. Clague, I. Clague, L. Green

Minutes of 4/4/22 approved with the correction that M. James was excused

Treasurer Report: Howard fund = \$43,786.10

Director's Report: A moment of silence was held for Joan Madden who was an important member of the BOD and throughout the city and will be greatly missed, May is Older American Month, COA is open to all and all city departments are encouraged to use and post preferred pronouns, covid is picking up but medicine is now available from your doctor's office at the first sign of infection, a vaccine clinic will be held May 25 from 10-1 at the COA, Lauren and Kristen will be leaving 5/5, Michelle and Christine will have SHINE training this month, depending on covid a senior picnic is being planned for August, BUILDING INFO; the city has approved \$6M for the COA expansion, a designer has been hired by the project manager, should take 18 months to complete, no 2nd floor will be added as the building is not strong enough, University of MA, Boston has been hired to conduct a needs survey

Michelle's Report: There is a monthly downtown Brockton business meeting at the Edison Building, Jill Wiley is heading the arts changes and is looking for quilters, Odessa Mendez has funding to re-do facades, restaurants can apply for parklets to host outdoor dining, Emily Aroke is arranging for Prova, from June to Labor Day, bike patrols will return and the Fire Museum is open and has part of the Frederick Douglas tree, walking group meets Mon-Fri at the COA from 9-10,

May 14 Garden Club plant sale on Meadowbrook Road

The end Elder Abuse Walk will be June 15 at 11:00 and walk to OCES w/lunch

Dottie's Report: Dottie and Ruthie have been very busy with fuel assistance request, SNAP requests are increasing, health programs are increasing as more people are retiring, assistance is increasing for prescription advantage assistance

Last month's volunteer day was so much fun

Sunday, May 22 from 1-4 at city hall plaza will be the Mayor's Wellness Trustee (volunteers are needed)

Next meeting- June 6, 2022 (no meetings in July and August)