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COA Future Planning Committee Meeting September 1, 2016 1pm @ COA Minutes

Members Present: George Faircloth, Mihran Keoseian, Marie Melican, Norma Garvin, Bob Lotz, Peter Cunningham, Gail Chalmers, Mihran Keosian
Staff Present: Kathy Shelp

Meeting was opened by the Chair, 1:00pm.

A motion to accept March 29 minutes was made by Bob Lotz with a 2nd by Peter Cunningham Unanimously approved.

Director's Updates:

- **None**

Matters for Review and Discussion

- The Chair updated the committee on the Feasibility Oversight Committee Building Site Analysis was reviewed by the chair. Praise was given to the Feasibility Oversight Committee for their detailed, objective work. Bob Lotz noted the metric of walkability to compare the centers was very subjective and he would recommend a different rating, also noting it would not change the outcome. The Feasibility Committee will attend the Fin Com meeting on Tuesday, September 6 to update the study.
- The COA Article on the Warrant for Fall Town Meeting was discussed.
- The committee discussed a new mission statement. The Chair suggested we omit a vision statement and update the mission. He explained a mission statement explains/defines the Center's reason for its existence. IT describes the center and what it does and its overall intention. Kathy also added a good mission statement gives solid direction to employees.

Suggested mission: The Groton COA serves as the community focal point promoting independence of older adults, through information and referral, support, health and wellness, socialization and education. Providing opportunities for all individuals as they age by leveraging resources, developing a sustainable future, and engaging in strong partnerships and collaborations.

After discussion the mission:

The Groton COA serves as the community focal point to promote independence of older adults, through information and referral, support, health and wellness, socialization and education. The Council on Aging provides opportunities for all individuals as they age by leveraging resources, developing a sustainable future, and engaging in strong partnerships and collaborations.

A new building name was presented:

The Center
Your place for Health, Wellness and Life Long Learning

After discussion a final new building name is recommended

The Center
Your place for Support, Wellness and Life Long Learning

Both the building name change and the new mission will be recommended to the COA Board of Directors for their approval.

Review Actions

None

Next meeting TBD

A motion to close the meeting was made by Peter Cunningham and 2nd by Norma Garvin at 2:30pm

Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Shelp, COA Director

