

**Brookline Commission for Women
Community Support Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes: DRAFT
Monday, April 5, 2021 – 12:00 PM**

Present: Hadassah Margolis, Felina Silver Robinson, Homa Sarabi, Aileen Lee

A quorum being present, Commissioner Margolis called the meeting to order at 12:05pm. First, Commissioners voted to approve the minutes of March meeting and reviewed the calendar for next months' meetings through June 2021.

Discussion on AAPI community support initiatives: Commissioner Lee is part of the BAAFN listserv and hasn't heard of anything that the BCW can back or amplify. People can buy yard signs through BAAFN. Commissioner Lee has her eyes and ears on the ground and will bring any initiatives to the BCW.

Commissioner Lee asked: How does the larger community know about the BCW? We need to use Facebook groups, other grassroots organizations, Inspo:Expo, houses of worship, libraries. Commissioner Sarabi suggested a BCW zine-making event where people can come together and share collages/info/write-ups and then leave copies around town.

Transitioned to housing supports: Commissioner Lee has a meeting with someone at ACLU tomorrow to discuss what kinds of support ACLU can have for low-income, immigrant women and best ways to access resources and how can the BCW help the ACLU connect to people who could use their services. Commissioner Sarabi also suggested a possible toolkit for Brookline women with a variety of resources, and asking ACLU for some of that information. We can also look at the Town website and see what other information is out there to add to this toolkit.

Commissioner Sarabi spoke with Amanda Zimmerman, who is happy to collaborate with Brookline for Everyone. They are thinking about planning an election day of action. Commissioner Margolis asked if the day of action is solely about endorsing specific candidates or whether there can be a more general action that the BCW can be a part of. Commissioner Sarabi wants to know if Brookline for Everyone needs help with warrant articles. Commissioner Margolis can bring this as a question at our main BCW meeting on Wednesday to see how this subcommittee and the Legislative committee can work together on this.

We will ask Commissioner Caro for an update on her housing meetings when she returns.

We still want to ask in the main BCW meeting about the newsletter concept. Commissioner Margolis asked about a zine versus newsletter. Commissioner Sarabi asked if we want to ask for content submission from the general public. But do we need this new space/platform? What are we trying to accomplish? To engage new people? Give out information? Is it feasible? Is this something to collaborate with the community engagement specialist?

No new business. Meeting adjourned at 12:52 pm.