

MLK Celebration Committee Meeting

Thursday May 13, 2021

10 AM

Virtual - Zoom

Members Present: Rob Daves, Bobbie Knable, Christiana Akins, Ann Kamensky, Bernard Greene joined at 10:40am

Other: Caitlin Starr (ODICR)

Minutes

1. Minutes from 4/15/21 approved unanimously.
2. Update on MLK/RLA Essay Reflection
 - a. Caitlin shared the thank you from the PTO Chair, Susan Park
 - b. Caitlin updated the committee the plan for the Displays – Caitlin and ODICR intern are working on a Virtual Display to be put up on the MLK Celebration Committee on May 24th and in July Caitlin will put the work in the Display Case at Town Hall.
 - c. Discussed putting together a short 2 minute video of the 1st place submissions for the January 2022 MLK Day Event.
 - d. Committee began to address possibility of collaborating on something similar for next year. RLA will no longer be in existence, but Susan Park was interested in possibly doing something similar with the FRR school community.
3. Discussion of 2021-2022 ideas
 - a. Interested in exploring a “living and learning” type of series
 - b. Host an ongoing discussion of voting access
 - c. History of music and songs of the Civil Rights Movement
 - i. Collaborate with WUMB
 - ii. Live music/outdoors (collab with Parks)
 1. Park ideas: Cypress, Olmstead Park, Emerson Park
 - iii. End of Summer – August?
 - iv. Caitlin will check in with Dr. Jett about the potential of doing something like this and Jack will reach out to Scott Alarik at WUMB
 - d. Encourage discourse and dialogue of current events in Brookline.
 - e. Rob also announced that the John Wilson sculpture “Father and Child” at Roxbury Community College will have an early July dedication and asked that the Committee share this with the Brookline community and networks when he has more details.
4. Other Updates
 - a. Coolidge is opening at 15% capacity in a few weeks!
5. Next Meeting
 - a. Thursday June 3rd 10:30AM