

CDICR - Community Engagement Subcommittee

June 4, 2021

Present: Malcolm Doldron, Joan Lancourt, Jonathan Golden, Kea van der Ziel, Shana Penna, Mariah Nobrega, Carolina San Miguel (ODICR), Caitlin Starr (ODICR)

1. 5/21 minutes – will review next meeting
2. **CE Update (from CE Strategist)**
 - a. Effort with Youth Engagement – still working to collaborate and build a relationship with Teen Center
 - b. Working on relationship building with Library, Mental Health Center, and Climate Change youth groups.
 - c. Vaccine Awareness videos with BIG and Health Department should be released in the next week. There are 8 short videos that will most likely be released 1 week at a time.
 - d. Housing Production Plan Meeting
 - i. Carolina was able to meet the Planning Dept Head and brought the scope of diversity and engagement into the process.
 - ii. Shared concerns of hiring a consultant being the best choice versus being able to replicate this process in house for years to come.
 - iii. Where can the CE Subcommittee help and advocate?
 1. Impact of Building a Better Brookline
 2. Campaign: here is what we have mapped out – how can all of these entities work together to encourage and supplement Planning Depts. ability to ensure there is meaningful community engagement.
 - e. Shana shared a framework for community planners that could be applicable. “Design Justice Framework”
 - i. Linked here: <https://designjustice.org/read-the-principles>
 - f. Building A Better Brookline – what messaging is currently being done? In what languages and in what ways? How to draw attention to the website?
 - g. Information needed from Carolina:
 - i. Need to know what Dept. SMART Goals are?
 - ii. What CE needs Depts. have and where they are in the process
 - iii. List/see where the holes are
3. **GARE Membership Meeting update**
 - a. Caitlin attended the Annual GARE Membership Meeting and shared some information from the breakout sessions she attended. She will share links to the actual recordings when they become available.
 - b. Key topics:
 - i. New ways to approach community engagement and community conversation – instead of asking people to attend different meetings several times a week, try and find a common meeting time to address

several issues at once. We cannot expect people who are volunteering to speak up and be engaged to have endless time to give to a cause or causes.

- ii. Budget Equity Tools – used in three cities in Texas; can take a look at them at the next meeting
 - iii. Solidarity Dividend: “the benefits we gain when people come together across race to accomplish what we simply cannot do on our own”. Book recommendation: *The Sum of Us (What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together)* by Heather McGhee
4. Caitlin gave a brief update of the Juneteenth Celebration being planned. The Event will begin at 10AM at FRR with a Freedom March to Brookline Ave Park. Music, food and dancing until 6PM. Caitlin asked subcommittee members to attend and engage as reps of CDICR if available on June 19th from 12-2pm.
 5. Next Meeting: **June 18, 2021 at 8:30AM**
 - a. Invite BAAFN?
 - b. CE Goals for Depts
 - c. Look at Budget Equity Tools