

Indigenous Peoples Day Committee

Tuesday, July, 6 2021

Remote via ZOOM

DRAFT Minutes

Committee members present: Arthur Conquest, Raquel Halsey, Maya Norton, Felina Silver Robinson, Kea van der Ziel; Caitlin Starr (ODICR), Raul Fernandez (Select Board), Abby Kushner (Brookline High)

Committee members absent: Larry Onie

Meeting called to order at 3 PM

1. Minutes of 6/8/2021 approved – AC- y, MN – y, RH -y, FSR – y, Kv/dZ – y.
2. Possible programs for Indigenous Peoples Day weekend and possibly Indigenous Peoples month
 - a. Banner proposed for along marathon route – both ODICR and DPW on board, possible locations along Beacon St. Possible use of smaller banners on street lights around town, banners for First Light as an example. Felina to pursue placement of banner at Trader Joe’s. Possibility of Bank of America also raised.
 - b. Planning for library display ongoing with NAICOB.
 - c. In-person event/activity on IPD weekend a possibility. Raquel has been working on different aspects of this, with an event that looks a lot like the event of 2019. Manoa is likely available and interested in doing this. Storytellers should be available. Caitlin to continue to pursue the availability of the Florida Ruffin Ridley School. Calendar will be available 7/12. We prefer the Saturday.
 - d. There is no update on collaboration with Cultural Survival.
3. The Boston Athletic Association will be approached regarding a land acknowledgement at the beginning of the race.
4. Maya has spoken with Beth Gilligan and Mark Anastasios at the Coolidge Corner Theater. They are interested in showing an appropriate movie. Chloe Zhao’s movie “Songs My Brothers Taught Me”. Sundance Film Festival also has title suggestions of films made by Indigenous film makers. There would be a cost of \$2,000-2,500 for the showing. The event would then be free to all who wanted to attend. This would require us to get a sponsorship from a group like the Brookline Community Foundation. The only time available for such an event is 2 PM on a Sunday. We would want to have a panel discussion after the movie. A possible collaboration with the Brookline Booksmith raised. “Spirit Run: A 6,000-Mile Marathon Through North America’s Stolen Land” by Noe Alvarez as a possible book.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM

Next meeting 7/27 at 3 PM, can continue to be remote

