

Indigenous Peoples Day Committee

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

Remote via ZOOM

DRAFT Minutes

Committee members present: Arthur Conquest, Maya Norton, Felina Silver Robinson, Kea van der Ziel; Caitlin Starr (ODICR)

Committee members absent: Larry Onie; Raul Fernandez (SB)

Members of the public: Elizabeth Buhl and Abby Kushner, BHS

Meeting called to order 3:05 PM

1. Banners have been priced. Large banner \$480, 20 streetlight banners \$1800. Banners to read: "Brookline Celebrates Indigenous Peoples Day", no date so that they can be used again. Streetlight banners to be in place 10/6-13, perhaps longer if locations not needed. Artwork to be done by artist that Raquel knows, ODICR offered to pay for streetlight banners. Felina spoke to TJ's who says that we cannot put large banner up on their building. Kea will speak to Sasha Liang at Brookline Bank, Coolidge Corner branch about placement on their building.
2. Minutes of 7/6 approved unanimously, AC – y, MN – y, FSR -y, Kv/dZ – y
3. Discussion of event to be held 10/9 from 1-3 PM at the Ridley (FRR) School if available
 - a. Request for use of cafeteria for FRR School has been placed, no word yet
 - b. Manoa is on board to provide food, will need to scale back from last year
 - c. Vendors – Caitlin has reached out to previous vendors, Raquel has contacts, Maya will try to talk to Cultural Survival
 - d. Program – thoughts include story-telling, indigenous drumming groups. Should check with Newton to see what they have planned
 - e. Table with legislative initiatives and updates, NAICOB projects and needs, books for perusal. We also need to recruit for the IPD Committee as Maya informed us that she will be moving out of the country in the fall.
4. Possible showing of film at Coolidge Corner Theatre on a Sunday afternoon at 2 PM. They suggested "Songs My Brothers Taught Me". Felina has watched it and thought that it would not be appropriate for the family audience. Need a film that is suitable for all ages with discussion after. Other thoughts were "Smoke Signals", "Rumble". "More Than a Name", "Mankiller". Would need funding from BCF.
5. Need to continue conversation with Brookline Booksmith regarding "Spirit Run: A 6,000-Mile Marathon Through America's Stolen Lands", by Noe Alvarez. Author now lives in Boston area.
6. Begin conversation with Malcolm Cawthorne and Lindsay Davis, BHS, regarding showing of an appropriate film during Race Reels. They have done this in the past. Kea to pursue.
7. The hoped-for collaboration with other local groups for a combined event is not proceeding right now.
8. Hope to get the Boston Athletic Association to do something in honor of IPD, perhaps a land acknowledgement. Maya to ask John VanScoyoc (SB) if he has any contacts.

Meeting adjourned at 4 PM

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for 8/17 at 3 PM