

Indigenous Peoples Day Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

Remote via Zoom

DRAFT Minutes

Committee members present: Raquel Halsey (chair), Arthur Conquest, Maya Norton, Larry Onie (by phone), Felina Silver Robinson, Kea van der Ziel; Caitlin Starr (ODICR), Raul Fernandez (Select Board), Abby Kushner (BHS)

Members of the public: Bernard Greene, Carla Benka

Meeting called to order 3 PM

1. Minutes of the 7/27 meeting approved unanimously, AC - y, RH - y, MN -y, LO - y, FSR - y, Kv/dZ - y
2. Banner and street light flags – no place to put banner, so will not make one. Artwork for flags needed by Wed next week to have time to print and hang. Raquel stated she should have artwork by 9/1 and will send to Caitlin as soon as it is available for flags, posters in kiosks, etc
3. Report on talks with Boston Athletic Assn have been productive. Highlights include
 - a. A land acknowledgement, written in conjunction with federal and state recognized tribes.
 - b. A donation will be made to the Indigenous Peoples' Day Newton Committee to help fund their 1st IPD
 - c. Indigenous runners from the past will be celebrated
 - d. Indigenous athletes running in this year's marathon will be recognized
 - e. BAA pledges to continue to work with Indigenous groups seeking "to strengthen Native youth and families through running
 - f. BAA will present at Select Board meeting 8/31
4. Our event to be held Saturday 10/9 at the Florida Ruffin Ridley School, cafeteria and outdoors, from 2-4 (time changed to accommodate Boston Indigenous Peoples' March which starts at 11 or 12)
 - a. Catering order to Manoa is in, just a few loose ends to tie up
 - b. Vendors – 2 from 2 years ago are coming, trying to gather more, Caitlin and Raquel to continue to reach out
 - c. Raquel mentioned 2 MIT professors who have a project where they bring materials to groups to help them design a physical representation of a land acknowledgement – more info at www.officeofuncertaintyresearch/1by1
 - d. There will be a flyer that can be put up in stores, etc around Brookline – will use same artwork as for flags
 - e. Will need a table for advocacy – What you need to know about tribes, legislative initiatives, how to get involved with Native community
 - f. Another table for books on appropriate topics for perusal
 - g. Brookline Public Library is interested in being involved. They can bring books that can be checked out and can have some activities, including a button maker. NAICOB has templates for buttons
 - h. Felina's daughters can help with arts and crafts, story reading, maybe a game about notable Native people. Resources are available on Instagram – "Notable Native People", "Illuminative:", Tanaya Winder, Dream Warriors. Deborah Reese has a reading list -americanindianchildrensliterature.net
 - i. Abby will reach out to social justice groups at high school
5. Need for connections to other groups involved in Indigenous Peoples Day. Maya tried to do that with Cultural Survival but little progress made. Raquel to send info regarding Newton's IPD committee
6. Malcolm Cawthorne and Lindsay Davis of BHS interested in a film with Indigenous themes. Raquel to forward them ideas

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM

Next meeting Tuesday, 9/14 at 3 PM