

CDICR - Community Engagement Subcommittee

September 21, 2021

Present: Malcolm Doldron, Joan Lancourt, Kea van der Ziel, Shana Penna

Other: Caitlin Starr (ODICR)

Public: John VanScoyoc

### **Minutes**

1. 9/10 minutes approved
2. Update on CE Goals
  - a. Caitlin followed up with CE Strategist – will use specific feedback/set of questions/comments on CE Smart Goal doc to review with Lloyd, Caitlin and Carolina before reaching out to Departments and moving forward with goals.
  - b. Focus on 5 Depts to start – Which 5 have the greatest potential to be successful? Joan will begin to review each Depts goals and bracket her questions and comments.
    - i. Possibly focus on ODICR, IT, Town Clerk, Parks, Rec, Library
  - c. Caitlin will also begin to go through and review each goal.
  - d. IT for example: “redesign” is not measureable. How will they measure accessibility or user friendliness? How to involve people in process as opposed to just feedback post design.
  - e. Historically Departments have challenges actually engaging community to a point that matters. ODICR/CE Strategist need to help and coach in implementing the engagement and gathering community members and feedback. Think: How can we engage people in ways that they will ACTUALLY be engaged?
  - f. Committee requested access to a shared document to better streamline their comments and questions. Keep it constructive.
  - g. Discussion of importance for HR to do community engagement and set goals. Possibly invite Ann or HR to next Subcommittee meeting to discuss goals and engagement.
3. Dissemination of Brookline Org Inventory/APRA
  - a. Going out to TMM today
  - b. 13 of the 16 precincts have reps. Kea will write to them about ARPA funds and importance of pulling together meetings of precinct TMMs AND residents and will encourage TMMs to host a meeting with aim of discussing what precinct needs.
  - c. Shana and Kea will connect and talk about Shana’s experience with other communities’ ARPA processes and engagement.

4. ARPA Community Engagement/BCF
  - a. Joan will connect with BCF and committee will designate roles post discussions with BCF and TMMs.
  - b. ODICR and BCF have already discussed a specific partnership for listening sessions and world café/charette.
  
5. Other/New Business
  - a. Joan shared about BaBB collab: Brookline Arts for Community Engagement. They are having, or participating in several different events with different modalities such as leading discussions on housing with Puppet Showplace, using an “interview house” with Harvey and Brookline HUB, as well as an easel with post it notes to have community think about what they like about their neighborhood and what they would like to see.
    - i. All data collected will be included in the Housing Production Plan
    - ii. October 2 Open Studios Art Fair (11-5pm on Station St)
    - iii. Tuesday Oct 12<sup>th</sup> High Street Food Panty (3-8pm)
    - iv. Thursday Oct 21<sup>st</sup> from at the Farmers Market (1:30-6:30pm)
    - v. Could use some help staffing booth and also help sharing the information. Shana offered to help on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - vi. Shana also offered comment: think about being trauma informed and the best way to have these conversations – people living in poverty may have a difficult time discussing these specific issues.

**6. Next Meeting: Tuesday October 5<sup>th</sup> at 12PM**