

CDICR - Community Engagement Subcommittee

November 9, 2021

Present: Malcolm Doldron, Joan Lancourt, Jonathan Golden Shana Penna

Other: Caitlin Starr (ODICR)

Public: Ann Hess Braga, Neil Gordon

Minutes

1. 9/21/21 minutes approved
2. Update on CE Plan
 - a. CE Strategist and ODICR reviewed the feedback from CE Subcommittee and other ODICR staff and Strategist will be/is reaching out to Departments with specific feedback to redefine and redevelop Community Engagement goals. Hope to have updated goals by end of December 2021.
 - b. Strategist is starting CE Staff Liaison monthly meetings this week (11/10/21).
 - c. Strategist had a “very good and productive” meeting with Planning and Community Development Department.
3. ARPA/Community Engagement Discussion and Updates
 - a. 2 BCF Listening Sessions have occurred, and there are two more upcoming on 11/10 and 11/17.
 - b. Community Charette on Dec 15th
 - c. Discussion on how the CE Subcommittee can ensure that the final product/report from BCF reflects community voices and engagement.
 - d. Discussion of addressing the Select Board regarding the need for a substantial push for equity while prioritizing ARPA proposals.
 - e. Discussion of difference between State and local allocations of ARPA funding.
 - i. Malcolm would like to reach out to Tommy Vitolo to figure out how to figure out how to reach to State Reps to also push for equity initiatives to get funding.
4. Other Business
 - a. Joan shared information about a presentation from Sophia Robison, the new Long Term Planner for the Planning and Community Development Department, to the Small Business Development Committee. Sophia presented a Public Engagement Goals and Toolkit.

- i. Joan saw congruence with the Town of Brookline's CE Plan and the toolkit for implementing and being clear on which of the phases were appropriate on specific projects.
 - ii. Committee would like to invite Sophia to present and join a CE Committee meeting.
 - b. Ben Vivante would like to present to this group an update on the website redesign.
 - c. Jonathan attended recent precinct meetings and discussed ARPA, Disparity Survey and Housing Production Plan and how well connected residents may have missed one or more of these items – how can we think about communication strategy to ensure all of these potential avenues of feedback and engagement are well attended and utilized?
- 5. To do's
 - a. Caitlin will invite Sophia to next meeting
 - b. Caitlin will invite Ben Vivante to a future meeting
 - c. Caitlin will put CE Subcommittee Meeting on agenda for Feb 15th Women Thriving Board Meeting
 - i. Possible to have a conversation with Programming Committee beforehand to explore overlaps/places/programs that could be opportunities for CE.
 - d. Set meeting with Teen Center – Shana will reach out and set up
 - e. Discussion of moving meetings to Fridays at 2 or Mondays at 8
 - f. Need to recruit new members.
- 6. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. Monday November 15, 2021 at 8AM
 - b. Monday December 6, 2021 at 8AM