

## **Immigrant Advancement Committee of CDICR Minutes for March 8, 2022**

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Present: Tina Li, Eric Hardt, Shubah Dixit, Damon Graff, Joan Lancourt, Bishnu Tamang, Roberta

Approval of minutes from February meeting: Eric Hardt. Roll call vote: Tina-y, Eric – y. Joan -y, Shubah – y, Damon – y, Bishnu -y, Jessica-y

### Updates

- Ukraine:
  - o TPS announced TPS
  - o Harlequin players – many from Ukraine. Created an artist fundraiser.
  - o Disparate treatment when compared to Afghans and Haitians
  - o Roberta to reach out to RSM to connect with any local actions
- Work & Family Mobility Act would extend drivers licenses to all MA residents, regardless of immigration status. It passed the House with a veto proof majority – vote expected in the Senate this month.
- The Coolidge Corner library is hosting a zoom talk by a Wellesley psychology professor who will be presenting his research on Asian American immigrant families. The event description and registration is here: <https://www.brooklinelibrary.org/events/event/chen/>
- Warrant Article on noncitizen voting
  - o <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1k4WCeBFg3cwEyqmbVQyGjABcl0IQ03JH75bF-paDt8/edit>
  - o Limited to LPRs (green card holders) to increase likelihood of statehouse endorsement
- Update on METCO conversation: language access barriers may very well exist, but are not Brookline specific.

### Citizenship Clinic

- Confirmed for Saturday, May 7 at 11am (volunteers to arrive by 10:30am)
- Volunteers and outreach
  - o Tina to do outreach at BHS and translate the flyer into Chinese

### Distribution of resource document

- Resource document has been posted to town website
- Jessica to distribute along with information about citizenship clinic

### Discussion of 2022 goals

- What we have done:
  - o growing membership
  - o resource document
  - o citizenship clinic
- SMART goals brainstorming (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound)
  - o Transfer leadership of committee

- Establish connections with 3 immigrant-led organizations (defined very broadly) in Brookline → by end of year
- Identify 2 unmet needs of immigrant families in Brookline
- Community study
  - In the interim: we can reach out to our immigrant friends, sample the questions to see how it goes.
- Roundtable of immigrant organizations in Brookline
- Books – building a section at BHS library and town library

Review action steps

- Jessica to send email re: resource doc + citizenship clinic
- Roberta is going to reach out to RSM
- Tina & Eric will connect re: books
- Jessica will send community study survey to IAC
- Tina, Shubha, Bishnu to sample community study questions with immigrant friends
- Jessica to send flyers re: citizenship clinics

Next meeting on April 5 at 7:30pm.