

Immigrant Advancement Committee of CDICR

Minutes of April 25, 2021 – 7pm

In attendance: Bishnu Tamang, Rezaul Haque, Joan Lancourt, Jessica Chicco, Jeremy Dela Cruz, Lloyd Gellineau (ODICR)

Introductions

Committee members shared their Brookline neighborhood

Approval of minutes

Minutes from the February 13, March 7, March 27 meetings were approved unanimously by roll call.

Minutes from the April 18 meeting were approved with 4 yeas and one abstention (Jeremy)

Review of interview protocol

Committee members shared their thoughts on the most recent version of the interview protocol. There were several who voiced the need for it to be shorter, with a core group of questions. Jeremy stressed the need to have data in addition to story. It was clarified that the initial audience for the results of the interviews is the Commission, but that it would also be useful to Town Meeting Members and others.

Ideas were shared on how to spread the word about the interviews, including broadcasting a short video during town meeting. The idea of a google form for those who wished to be further contacted was also raised. The form could also people if they were willing to participate, and it could be posted on Facebook so individuals could self-identify as immigrants.

Assignment of follow-up tasks

Members to email Jessica their “must have” questions. Rezaul will work on a draft email to send as preliminary outreach to a handful of folks. We will work together to create a one-pager explaining the project that we can distribute as we begin to conduct outreach.

Next meeting

Next meeting on Sunday, May 9 at 7pm