

Indigenous People's Day Committee meeting

Tuesday May 26, 2020, 3-4:30 PM

Remote via Webex

### Minutes

Committee members present: Raquel Halsey, Larry Onie, Kea van der Ziel, Caitlin Starr; Raul Fernandez, Select Board liaison

Committee members absent: Arthur Conquest, Felina Robinson

Member of the public: Maya Norton

Meeting called to order at 3:10 PM

1. Minutes of 2/25/2020 approved by a vote of 3-0 without corrections
2. Film showing, possibly in week preceding IPD
  - a. Race Reels unable to help manage but BIG is willing. May be some copyright issues but Raquel, through NAICOB, has some where this issue has been resolved and has connections to some of those involved with making the films.
  - b. NAICOB has had some successful events using FaceBook Live with >1,000 viewers via Zoom.
  - c. Consideration of watch parties organized by the Office of Diversity (O-DICR) via BIG
  - d. Speaker to follow film or moderator in charge of leading audience discussion for more active participation
  - e. Solicitation of cosponsors for any events important.
3. Possibility of virtual display as O-DICR has done in recent past or later in person when library opens. Currently libraries set to open 6/30 but no events planned until a coronavirus vaccine is available -Caitlin to contact library
4. Possibility of Brookline Booksmith holding a virtual event featuring a book with a Native American theme/author – Maya to contact
5. Our committee to be cosponsors to whatever NAICOB is doing
6. Raquel mentioned that UMass Boston has been filming story teller and singers, could use them as a resource
7. Dedicated webpage for these events and a calendar of other events – O-DICR has had “Brookline Is My Home” webpage in the Town’s website. Possibility of a blog off-site raised.
8. What can Brookline do to support NAICOB now?
  - a. NAICOB offices closed for now, all services by phone, expect this will continue into the future.
  - b. They have been making and distributing masks and other items (e.g. T.P. etc) to Indigenous community in eastern Mass and the Cape; need more masks now. Expect that need for masks will increase with re-opening. Kea to contact Brookline mask makers for help in making masks.
  - c. Raquel part of State committee on reopening, dealing with data collection, specifically data regarding self-identified race/ethnicity and tribal affiliation which has not collected routinely by contact tracers. Data also needed on disability. Questions for intake are not uniform.
9. Caitlin to be on maternity leave in August, perhaps earlier. She will make a list of what she has done in past year modified by current pandemic situation. Lloyd to start attending our meetings so that he can facilitate while she is on leave.

Meeting adjourned at 4 PM.