

Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration Committee

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Public Health Building, Small Conference Room

### Minutes

Committee members present: Raquel Halsey, Larry Onie, Arthur Conquest, Kea van der Ziel, Caitlin Starr

Public: Maya Norton, Alex Schley (TAB), Felina Silver Robinson, Lizzy Buhl (teacher BHS)

Meeting called to order at 4:05 PM.

1. Minutes of 5/7 approved.
2. Felina has applied to join the committee but has not yet heard when her interview is. Vishni has resigned due to graduation from BHS.
3. IPD events
  - a. CC School reserved for afternoon of 10/14 (IPD), will ask for 12-5 PM.
  - b. Performers/Speakers: Wampanoag Singers and Dancers to perform with 1-1.5 hours of songs, stories and round dancing with a break for 2 hours total
  - c. Food from Harm Free Eats which has all the credentials required, will get vendor permit next month.
  - d. Issue of having vendors selling crafts raised. Caitlin to explore what is required to have vendors. Raquel knows of vendors who would be appropriate.
  - e. Kea to talk to Raul Fernandez, of Select Board, and Malcolm Cawthorne, of BHS, re movies that they might wish to show in their venues.
  - f. Maya raised further issues of what we might do through the year, perhaps around State flag, climate change. Raquel talked about cooking classes that NAICOB will offer.
  - g. Felina asked if we could do something at the Farmers' Market. Inspo/Expo has tables there, perhaps we could have one in September to highlight IPD. Kea to ask Hadassah Margolis who is coordinating the tables.
  - h. Larry's baskets this month at the Brookline Village branch of the library.
4. Name change for 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of October discussed. Mel Kleckner asked us to pursue this in June, after Town Meeting.
5. Felina raised the issue of people's ignorance about what others have endured and asked how we should approach this. The best way may be through education. She spoke about the treatment that her daughter had received when she worked on the removal of BHS's sports logo, which was successfully removed more than a decade ago. She was told by those at BHS that the treatment her daughter received was not a problem. Larry spoke about the general culture of bullying.
6. Larry asked if the Green Caucus of Town Meeting could be an ally. Perhaps we should approach the Brookline Historical Society regarding their knowledge of the history of the native populations of Brookline and the surrounding area.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM