

Indigenous Peoples Day Committee meeting

Tuesday June 9, 2020

Remote via Webex

Minutes

Committee members present: Raquel Halsey (present after meeting started), Artur Conquest, Larry Onie, Felina Silver Robinson, Kea van der Ziel, Catlin Starr, Lloyd Gellineau

Absent: Raul Fernandez, Select Board liaison

Member of the public: Maya Norton, joined late

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1. Minutes of 5/26/2020 accepted without corrections/additions by vote of 4-0
2. Caitlin spoke to librarians Ann Reed & Julie Falsoni regarding a virtual display of artwork. They are very interested. It is OK as long as someone from staff can get into library to set up. Current plan is for libraries to be open for patrons over summer but no events will be held for the foreseeable future. Idea is to have a virtual tour with a description of the work by the artist. Jenny Tsai and Matika Wilbur have been suggested so far. Neither are local.
3. Arthur to pursue his connections to someone with connections to the Native American community in New Mexico who might be able to do a virtual event.
4. Maya to continue to pursue an event at Brookline Booksmith
5. Possible film through BIG and tie in with current domestic events. Raquel's staff is looking into this. Possible titles include "We Still Remain", "Mashpee 9", both with local connections. Others include "Murdered & Missing Indigenous Women" and "The War of North Dakota". The latter was shown a few years ago at BHS Race Reels. Maybe a weekly showing of a film with some discussion to follow, 3-4 times in the month of October.
6. NAICOB is working on their calendar and will send to us when ready so that we can help publicize.
7. NAICOB continuing to work on Indigenous Peoples Day in Boston and in state legislature. Will give updates when available. Mayor Walsh needs to take action on City Council resolution.
8. NAICOB still needs masks. They are working on making some and have been distributing them to the Native communities but need more. Kea in process of collecting and will bring to NAICOB when made/collected. Raquel to send pictures of mask making at NAICOB and Caitlin will post.
9. Brief update for Raquel on data collection on racial/ethnic identifications for COVID. She has been on committee through state. Data collection remains poor. No place for tribal affiliation.

Next meeting Tuesday 7/9 at 3 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM