

Immigrant Advancement Committee of CDICR Minutes for June 14, 2022

Present: Jessica Chicco, Eric Hardt, Joan Lancourt, Bishnu Tamang, Shubha, Harvey Freishtat

Not present: Tina Li, Roberta Falke, Damon Graff, Lily Weitzman

Welcome & Voting on Minutes

Eric moved to accept the minutes from May. Shubha seconds it. Eric: y; Jessica: y; Joan: y; Bishnu: y; Shubha: y; Harvey: y. Minutes accepted unanimously.

Updates

- Update on WA29- request to SB to hold off sending them to legislature until start of next session
- Progress on language access coordinator – no real progress
- State bills: driver's license bill passed and will become law next July. Language access bill made good progress.
- Joan shared articles about performances – possibility for Puppet Showplace Theater? Interested in bilingual performances? Immigrant storytelling?
- BHS students running virtual ESL program – can we amplify? Assist? Ask Tina if she knows the student featured. Invite her to attend a future meeting.

Brookline Immigrant Organization Roundtable

- Possible organizations to invite:
 - o Welcome Blanket
 - o faith groups (many congregations & parishes have immigrant justice committees)
 - o Women Thriving
 - o Brookline Thrives
 - o METCO
- Target timeline:
 - o September/October?
- In person Juneteenth celebration – Sunday, June 19th; second event in July 7/8 in the evening → Bishnu to share info.
- Next steps:
 - o Bishnu and Shubha will write a one pager about what this is, what we want to accomplish, and some questions for discussion and bring it to next meeting for review
 - o Continuing to think through which organizations would be invited
 - o Once one-pager is finalized, we can pick a couple of dates and send something out to some key organizations
 - o Spreadsheet of Brookline organizations:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1HPdvKcck0JT0LJaobmyNMiyZHJaFCJJihdYV0iJqDc/edit#gid=0>

Next meeting on July 12 at 7:30pm.