

Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration Committee

Monday, August 26, 2019

Public Health Building, Small Conference Room

Minutes

Committee members present: Arthur Conquest, Felina Robinson, Kea van der Ziel, Caitlin Starr, Raul Fernandez, Select Board Liaison. Raquel Halsey present by phone for latter part of meeting.

Committee member absent: Larry Onie. BHS liaison absent.

Public: none

Meeting called to order at 4:45 PM

1. Minutes of 7/9/19 approved
2. Land acknowledgement via warrant article – decision was made not to pursue this, will look for input from other knowledgeable residents, such as Barbara Brown of Hidden Brookline and Ken Liss of the Brookline Historical Society and consider for May Town Meeting.
3. IPD events
 - a. Performers – the Wampanoag Singers and Dancers have not given an affirmative response to being part of our event. They have other possible venues but may be able to provide a portion of their group. There are alternatives such a drum group, solo performers or other artists. Importance of a firm commitment by the week of 9/3 made so that we can go forward with publicity for the event. Raquel to pursue and let Caitlin know.
 - b. Caitlin unable to get in contact with Mea of Harm Free Eats. Raquel to follow-up with group and let Caitlin know. Caitlin able to help with food permit, etc.
 - c. Craft vendors are interested. Venue could manage 5-6 vendors with no charge for the tables. Caitlin to send email to Raquel who will distribute to vendors.
 - d. Town kiosks has been reserved for 9/23-10/7, one on Beacon near Marriott Hotel, the other in Brookline Village. Other flyers to be posted at libraries, Brookline Village merchants, schools and SOOFA if it is available in time, Todd Kirrane as Town contact.
 - e. Raquel or Caitlin will ask if BIG will be able to make a video of the event.
 - f. Felina to ask her daughter about other possible contacts.
4. Other business – announcement of “Voices from the Border: A Cry for Justice”, sponsored by the Department of Diversity and possibly other groups in Town to be held at Town Hall, Room 103, on 10/2 from 6-8 PM
5. Next meeting scheduled for 9/10 at 3 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM