

Indigenous People's Day Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Public Health Building, Small Conference Room

Minutes

Committee members present: Raquel Halsey, Felina Robinson, Arthur Conquest, Kea van der Ziel, Caitlin Starr; Raul Fernandez Select Board liaison

Committee member absent: Larry Onie

Public: none

Meeting called to order 3:05 PM

1. Minutes of 8/26/2019 approved with correction of spelling of Mea's name.
2. Event details:
 - a. Event space available 12-5 with set-up 12-1 and event 1-3 or 4. Will use only cafeteria and not multipurpose room as program will be shortened.
 - b. Wampanoag Singers not available. Discussion of other possible performers who could perform in the cafeteria while food is being served and vendors are present without confirmation. We had been given a lead on Deborah Spears Moorehead of the Nettukkusqk Singers but have not heard from her yet. Raquel felt that Mea Johnson of Harm Free Eats could talk about the importance of IPD with a welcome by Raquel. A map showing native tribes present in the area and perhaps other posters can be scattered around the room.
 - c. Harm Free Eats is confirmed as are 6 vendors. Space could accommodate more.
 - d. PR will begin as soon as plans firmed up. Importance of having an event this year stressed and need for it to be a meaningful experience for all, despite scaled back plans. Flyer will be available at Brookline Day at Office of Diversity's table. Members invited to attend and help.
3. Caitlin brought along an Indigenous People's Community Quiz for input. This will be distributed before and at the event.
4. Report on 9/5 Farmers' Market. Only Felina could make it from committee although Caitlin was present throughout. There was significant interest in both IPD and "Voices from the Border" to be held on 10/2. New names were added to the email list.
5. Display case will be available in Main branch of library in October.
6. Brief conversation by Raul about a proclamation from the Select Board making the 2nd Tuesday in October Indigenous People's Day on the Town calendar. Schools have already done so.
7. Next meeting 10/8 at 3 PM.
8. Meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM