

Indigenous Peoples Day Planning Subcommittee

9/13/2022

Present: Benny, Eileen, Elizabeth, Teri Vienot (from the public)

1. Call to order and attendance 6:32pm
2. Collaboration with neighboring towns and organizations
 - a. Reading:
 - i. Eileen spoke to Sudeshna from Reading. They're just getting started with planning an event via the library. They're hoping to do a beading event at the library in November. Very eager to collaborate.
 - b. Community forum
 - i. Encouraged towns to collaborate together
 - ii. Encouraged towns that do not yet officially recognize IPD to use these IPD events to raise awareness about that
 - iii. Reminded everyone that even small modest IPD events are great. Doesn't have to be a huge festival.
 - c. Stoneham:
 - i. Never heard back. Eileen will ask Jeremy to reach out because he has a connection at Stoneham HRC
 - d. Melrose:
 - i. Teri Vienot from Melrose UCC church joined us and shared about Melrose's IPD planning process from last year. They did two film screenings: *Dear Georgina* and *Dawnland* with speakers from the filmmaking team and from indigenous communities in Maine.
 - ii. The Melrose UCC church has a small amount of funding
 - iii. Teri's pastor has a list of local artisans/performers that she got from a family friend.
 - e. Whitelam: contact them re a book reading/author talk?
 - i. Benny will reach out
 - f. Collaborate with local arts organizations - Albion Cultural Exchange, Follow Your Art Community Studios
 - i. Benny will reach out to ACE
 - g. UU church:
 - i. Their Social Action Committee probably doesn't have the capacity to help plan, and they don't have a budget, but we could probably get people to help on the day-of
3. Possible speakers/contributors:
 - a. Nicole Friederichs - she and Eileen haven't had an opportunity to meet, will meet soon.
 - b. Benny will email a list of IPD events from 2021. Benny will scan through the first 6 pages and reach out to promising performers/speakers/etc. Eileen will look through the last 5 pages

- c. Benny will reach out to Ohketeau Cultural Center for leads on speakers re a speaker forum focused on land, land rights.
- 4. Next meeting: Saturday 10/24 at 12:30pm
- 5. Adjourn 7:15