CITY OF CAMBRIDGE | Peace Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 2026: Meet Your Neighbor Subcommittee Meeting # 2
Date: Monday, July 13, 2026
Time: 6:30 – 8:00 PM
Location: Via Zoom
Attendees: Elka Kuhlman, Saffana Anwar, Lizette Sta. Maria, Eliza Fay
Minute Taker: Lizette Sta. Maria

- 6:30 - **Call to Order**
    - Commissioner Kuhlman calls the meeting to order 6:36 PM.
- 6:31 - **Review Action Items**
        - Edits are made to the flyer and zines
        - Toolkit
            - ED Anwar met with artist Ayana Mack
            - potential idea: toolkits based on topics (i.e. art toolkit, sustainability toolkit, etc.)
            - Commissioner Kuhlman: it might be a lot of work to put together themed toolkits
            - Commissioner Kuhlman's ideas: conversation starters, poster boards + sticky notes with fun interactive questions (Ex: How long have you lived in the neighborhood? I love my neighbor because…)
        - Toolkit
            - Eliza Fay's ideas:
                - Adhesive name tags that say "Hello my name is…"
                - Booklet with ice breakers & activities

        - Coloring sheets, English and Spanish - make a Cambridge-specific ones
        - Chalk or bubbles
        - Name tents for food that prompt people to list ingredients/allergens when hosting block parties
    - Miscellaneous
        - ED Anwar's ideas:
            - PC could work with artist Ayana Mack on a pre-drawn mural on canvas - community can come and paint the mural together
            - Ayana Mack could also host an art class
            - Block Party Favor Board, where attendees can swap favors, i.e. babysitting, landscaping, cooking, etc.
- 6:45 - **Review MYNM Ideas from Commissioners**
    - Commissioner Kuhlman's ideas: School of Honk & working on reaching out to Immigrant Outreach Specialist Tagu Wabeto on food waste/composting education for immigrants
    - Commissioner Ayaz: neighborly walk & talk idea
    - Commissioner Razzaz: interfaith idea
    - ED Anwar: a get-to-know your neighbors gathering hosted by the Peace Commission
        - Food truck, children face painting, map of Cambridge where people can pin which neighborhoods they're from, giant Jenga, etc.
        - Art/mural activity with Ayana Mack could take place at this event
        - Host at the end of September so we have the whole month to advertise (preferably on a Friday afternoon or evening)

    - There will also be a collaboration film screening between Peace Commission and Commission on Immigrant Rights & Citizenship with the film A Man Called Otto
    - ED Anwar has ordered tablecloths for Peace Commissioners to use to table at events
- 7:15 - **Next Steps**
    - Staff and Commissioners' Roles and Responsibilities
        - Commissioners to solidify their projects
        - Staff will work create a live link to September calendar so everyone (Commissioners) knows which citywide events are happening/when
        - Staff will work on publicizing and promoting events
        - Staff will work on updating the webpage over the next two weeks
- 7:55 - **Adjournment**
    - The meeting is adjourned at 7:33 PM.