Citizens Committee on Civic Unity
Meeting Notes

Committee Meeting
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
1/5/2021, 5:30-7:00 pm

Attending: Eva Martin Blythe; Betsy Bard; Kelly Hassett; Kenny Likis; Laura Mosman Smith
Staff: Taha Jennings; Brian Corr

Started broadcasting 5:36

Welcome and Updates

- Dr. Billie Jean Young Event:
    - The event with Dr. Billie Jean Young on October 7 at Starlight Square with a recorded performance of Wednesday , October 7 at 7:00 is exact date and time of Fannie Lou Hamer-This Little Light went very well. Eva facilitated a diverse talkback panel with Dr. Young and Dr. Janet Moses, and Councillor Denise Simmons. Even though it was the same night as the last Presidential debate, which affected attendance at the talk back panel. There were some issues with the closed captioning that was part of the recorded performance.
    - Dr. Young expressed interest in coming to do the event in person when that is possible.
    - Starlight Square was a great venue.
    - Follow up items: Kenny will follow up with the Arts Council to see if they have made their contribution to the event. Also, we have the ability to do two more showings of the recorded performance
    - Fatima Asghar update: because Bunker Hill asked her to do a Zoom broadcast since she was unable to travel to the area.

General Business
- Meeting schedule
    - Everyone agreed that the committee should continue to meet monthly in the new year

- o The Committee will be thinking about what the content of the meetings should be and how we adapt the work of the committee to doing public events virtually.
- Update on recruiting new members
  - o The committee discussed the fact that we were in the middle of recruiting new members when the COVID-19 pandemic hit. Brian will check in with a couple of commissions to ask about the process for adding new members.
  - o Committee members' terms may have ended, and Taha will find out the process for being reappointed.
- Other Updates:
  - o The YWCA Cambridge (which Eva has just retired from) has received some funding to do advocacy