

Citizens Committee on Civic Unity Meeting Notes

Committee Meeting Virtual Meeting via Zoom 3/2/2021, 5:30-7:00 pm

Attending: Betsy Bard; Eva Martin Blythe; Kelly Hassett; Steven Lee

Staff: Taha Jennings; Brian Corr

Started meeting at 5:35

General Business

- **Committee Housekeeping**

- YWCA Cambridge Updates:
 - Laura Mosman Smith was going to follow up Whitney Mooney from the YWCA on using the remaining \$2,000 for an event at CRLS in Spring 2021.
- Upcoming & Developing Projects
 - Recruiting new members
 - We need to develop a plan for conducting interviews
 - Taha will use the previous notice from early 2020 to develop a new posting
 - The general feeling was to move ahead with the posting so that new members could be on board in April or so, and
 - Ideas
 - Digital Scavenger Hunt for Historical Markers
 - At the last meeting, Laura shared that Betsy proposed a “history scavenger hunt” organized by Civic Unity that takes you around Cambridge to historical sites or markers and use it to create additional information. Kelly did some research about this idea, and Betsy noted that it could be something set up so that would allow you to choose a walk based on all the markers similar to the school scavenger hunts at the MFA. Betsy also described a scavenger hunt

that she did with the Historical Commission in the early 2000s.

- Brian suggested looking at the “Urban Archive” app as a possible example <https://www.urbanarchive.nyc/web-app>
- Kelly will ask Committee members to share what they would like this to accomplish and how they would like to use a web site or an app
- Loving Day
 - The Committee discussed whether it would be possible to plan an in-person event for June 2021, perhaps at Starlight Square, which has developed strong protocols for following event protocols during the pandemic
- For Future Meetings
 - Plan Loving Day
 - Have a presentation from Charlie Sullivan on historical markers
 - Ask committee members to report back about the requests from Kelly