



Cultural Connections Committee

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Meeting Minutes June 24, 2020 by Webex Remote Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 9:00

Roll Call:

Present: Elizabeth Lu, Donna Marceau, Shannon St. Pierre, Celina Ulibarri, Sandra Pratt, Margaret Loret, and Mark Hastaback.

Also present was Erin Cotton of Congresswoman Annie Kuster's office.

Communications:

Donna Marceau of the Nashua Soup Kitchen gave an update on NSK, and also talked about the Black Lives Matter remembrance of George Floyd at Greeley Park. She also talked about progress on the Census.

Margaret Loret discussed the benefits of creating a list of the city businesses that are owned/run by non-native ethnic individuals.

Cecilia Ulibarri gave an update on the city's plan to hold a National Welcome Week for 8-9 days in September. Because of Covid-19, the organizers are considering using online posts to a large degree to highlight and celebrate the community's cultural richness.

Members also provided current hours for meals and food pickup at the Soup Kitchen. Contact information was provided for anyone needing financial assistance with utility payments or rent (iuana@nsks.org and donna@nsks.org) .

The Bike Coop was mentioned and this resource is accessible at gatecitybikecoop.org

Sandra Pratt discussed her need for surgical masks as she is going through 100 per week. Cecilia Ulibarri suggested that through Gateways she could likely be part of a group order.

Erin Cotton advised that the visa office is now processing applications. She asked that we have anyone who is experiencing difficulties with obtaining a visa to connect them with her and she can assist.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Lu