



TIMELINES, ARCHIVES, AND CURRICULA SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Boston City Hall Boston, MA, 02201
Held virtually via Zoom

JULY 7, 2025

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Joe Bagley, Bob Allison, Kanisorn Wongsrichanalai, Dory Klein, Cedric Woods, Carolyn Goldstein, Giordana Mecagni
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Collin Knight, Kimberly Barzola, Tatiana Cruz, Joan Ilacqua
STAFF PRESENT: Kayla Skillin, Archivist for Collections Management

A full recording of the meeting is available on boston.gov/commemoration-commission

SESSION BEGINS - 2:00 PM

- I. WELCOME**
 - a. Chair Joe Bagley welcomed attendees.
- II. ORDER OF BUSINESS**
 - a. Meeting minutes were reviewed.
- III. PODCAST FOR DATABASE**
 - a. Commissioner Kanisorn Wongsrichanalai discussed that the Massachusetts Historical Society and Revolution 250 have podcasts and were discussing the potential for an Archive Crawl where the podcast might highlight sites on the crawl as it highlights the history holders database that has come out of this group's work.
 - b. Genesis Pimentel asked questions around capacity and format.
 - c. Commissioner Wongsrichanalai explained that the MHS flagship podcast focuses on an item in their collection and has experts on to discuss it. The podcast has been going off-site, and that gave him the idea of doing something similar for the index, in a shorter format. He added that production is always the main issue because editing takes time and MHS doesn't have the capacity, but the actual interviewing could be done.
 - d. Commissioner Dory Klein recommended the Boston Archivist Meetup group and Commissioner Mecagni recommended asking archives, index, and other history



holders to send canned responses to the questions that might be formulated here.

- e. Co-chair Joe Bagley discussed that the City's Department of Innovation and Technology have developed a more robust videography and production team and process, but he is unsure about podcasts. Co-chair Allison discussed Suffolk University's capacity.
- f. Commissioners discussed a project Dory Klein has worked on called Sidewalk Stories which weaves together archival oral histories and interviews done in the community.

IV. 6 MONTH REPORT & CATALOGUE OF RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. Genesis Pimentel presented the interim catalogue of recommendations for Boston 250 activities.
- b. Co-chair Bob Allison asked: Where does this interim report and recommendations go? Should these recommendations be broken down by subcommittee, by most interest, or by amount of funding necessary to support a recommended item? How can we structure this request to build in the staff capacity needed?
- c. Commissioner Giordana Mecagni suggested that the catalogue have an overall summary for each section to explain what each advisory committee explored and why. She added that Legislation and Preservation Tools' section on cultural asset mapping would be useful to have done before any other projects to use as an aid for commemoration. She also expressed concerns that this report is regurgitating the same information offered up in the 6 month reports. She discussed wanting to know which departments would be undertaking certain action items.
- d. Commissioner Carolyn Goldstein echoed Mecagni's statements and added: What will be required for the implementation of these ideas? Who are the decision-makers?

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. There were no public comments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT - 2:55 PM

- a. The meeting was adjourned.

Documents Presented: Draft of Interim Recommendations for Commemorative Activities