

SYSTEMIC RACISM REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 11, 2023 at 12:00 PM

Zoom Webinar



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A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lee called the Systemic Racism Review Committee to order at 12:01 p.m.

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

C. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chair Grace Lee, Ephraim Froehlich, Kelli Patterson, and Ivan Nance

Members Absent: Gail Cheney

Staff/Others: Robert Barr, Di Cathcart, Nicole Lynch, Sherri Layne, 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. June 13, 2023 Systemic Racism Review Committee Minutes - Draft

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

G. CONSENT AGENDA

The following ordinances were up for introduction on the consent agenda at the July 10, 2023 Regular Assembly Meeting. A blank SRRC checklist is included in the packet if an ordinance is pulled for further discussion and committee members want to utilize that tool. Legislation and materials associated with the legislation are located in the Assembly packet: <https://juneau-ak.municodemeetings.com/>

Recommended Motions:

"I move to approve the consent agenda as presented and ask for unanimous consent" OR "I move to approve the consent agenda as amended and ask for unanimous consent": [use this motion when items are pulled off consent for further discussion]

2. Legislation for Review by SRRC

[Ordinance 2023-14\(b\)\(A\)](#) An Ordinance Appropriating \$60,000 to the Manager for the Mount Bradley Trail Reroute and Restoration Project; Grant Funding Provided by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Federal Lands Access Program.

[Ordinance 2023-14\(b\)\(B\)](#) An Ordinance Appropriating \$2,000,000 to the Manager for Childcare Programs and Grants; Grant Funding Provided by the State of Alaska.

[Ordinance 2023-14\(b\)\(C\)](#) An Ordinance Appropriating \$850,215 to the Manager for the Hank Harmon Rifle Range Improvements Capital Improvement Project; Grant Funding Provided by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

[Ordinance 2023-14\(b\)\(D\)](#) An Ordinance Appropriating \$347,340 to the Manager as Funding for Round 2 of the Healthy and Equitable Communities Grant; Grant Funding Provided by the Alaska Department of Health.

[Ordinance 2023-27](#) An Ordinance Authorizing the Manager to Convey Approximately 3,030 Square Feet of Property Located Adjacent to 11260 North Douglas Highway with the Legal Description of a Fraction of Lot 2, USS 3559 Beachside to Jon and Susanne Reiswig for Fair Market Value. [Exhibit A](#)

Mr. Barr read the ordinances into the record and gave a brief overview of each piece of legislation. Chair Lee asked committee members if they would like any of the ordinances pulled for further discussion. Chair Lee noted it was great to see the city receiving so many grants. Mr. Froehlich requested that Ordinance 2023-27 be pulled from consent for further discussion.

MOITON: by Mr. Froehlich to approve the consent agenda as amended and ask for unanimous consent. **Hearing no objection, motion passed.**

H. LEGISLATION PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

Legislation pulled from the consent agenda during the meeting for further discussion, questions or to walk through the SRRC checklist on a particular piece of legislation.

Sample Motions:

"I move to forward Ordinance xxxx-xx (or Resolution xxxx) to the full Assembly as presented and ask for unanimous consent" OR "I move the SRRC recommend to the Assembly it {fill in the recommendation} prior to taking action on proposed legislation."

Mr. Froehlich asked if the tribes were notified of this land conveyance. Mr. Barr stated that other than the normal public notice process there hasn't been additional public process on this ordinance. Mr. Nance commented that this was a small example of a bigger problem. Mr. Froehlich said he would like to know what specific representation is on the Planning Commission and other seats, is there a tribal seat and what is CBJ doing to include inclusion in discussions or decisions. Chair Lee recommended a worksession get scheduled in order to start these larger topic discussions.

MOTION: by Ms. Patterson to forward Ordinance 2023-27 to the full Assembly as presented and ask for unanimous consent. **Hearing no objection, motion passed.**

I. STAFF REPORTS

None

J. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Chair Lee opened discussion around how to move forward; what is the will of the committee. Mr. Froehlich agreed with Chair Lee that it would be good to have a worksession. Ms. Patterson asked about the public comment received from David Ignell that seems to fall outside of the SRRC's realm as it relates to the Alaska Court System; would we as a committee acknowledge that we heard him and are doing what we can as a committee to identify systemic racism. Ms. Lynch suggested the committee could respond very generally, if that was the will of the body, but it has already gone through the judicial process so there isn't anything the city can do. Chair Lee stated this discussion is sufficient and would rather not respond directly.

The committee discussed worksession dates and picked August 8 and 29 to hold worksessions at Noon via Zoom.

'Wáahlaal Gíidaak noted that she will miss the August 1st meeting.

The committee discussed creating an agenda for the work session and whether to discuss 'big picture' or look at specific topics such as land transfers; and the need to develop a framework on how to talk about these big picture topics. Mr. Froehlich said it would be great to extend an invitation to the Assembly to participate in the worksession discussions.

'Wáahlaal Gíidaak said that if it would be helpful, she could ask two of the women she works with who have been doing systemic racism work for a very long time to invite them to a future worksession. Chair Lee and the rest of the committee responded with an enthusiastic yes please.

K. NEXT MEETING DATE

TBD - SRRC Worksession Date(s)

August 1, 2023 @ 12pm via Zoom - SRRC Regular Meeting for legislation review

August 22, 2023 @ 12pm via Zoom - SRRC Regular Meeting for legislation review

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.