

SYSTEMIC RACISM REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 13, 2022 at 12:00 PM

Zoom Webinar



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A. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Lee called the Systemic Racism Review Committee to order at 12:00 p.m.

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

B. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Gail Cheney

Staff/Other: Robert Barr, Robert Palmer, Adam Gottschalk

Others in Attendee Mode: None

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented.

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

F. AGENDA TOPICS

1. The following ordinances were up for introduction on the consent agenda at the September 12, 2022 Regular Assembly Meeting. The SRRC checklists associated with the ordinances are in this SRRC packet. Legislation and materials associated with the legislation are located in the Assembly packet (copy/paste link into preferred browser for access to the Assembly agenda page):
<https://juneau.org/assembly/assembly-minutes-and-agendas>

Ordinance 2022-42 An Ordinance Providing for a Property Tax Abatement Program to Incentivize the Development of Higher Density Housing.

Ordinance 2022-49 An Ordinance Authorizing the Manager to Convey Approximately One Acre of City and Borough of Juneau Property Located Near 3145 Fritz Cove Road to Chelsy and Brian Maller at Fair Market Value.

Ordinance 2022-51 An Ordinance Authorizing an Alternative Procurement Method Related to the Emergency Department Addition and Renovation at Bartlett Regional Hospital.

Ordinance 2022-06(b)(P) An Ordinance Appropriating \$700,000 to the Manager for a Pre-Development Loan for Gastineau Lodge Apartments, LLC; Funding Provided by the Affordable Housing Fund.

Ordinance 2022-06(b)(R) An Ordinance Appropriating \$12,253.50 to the Manager for a Grant to The Glory Hall; Funding Provided by the Affordable Housing Fund.

Ordinance 2022-06(b)(S) An Ordinance Appropriating \$128,200 to the Manager for a Grant to the Alaska Development Corporation for Medical Respite Care; Funding Provided by General Funds and Hospital Funds.

Ordinance 2022-06(b)(T) An Ordinance Transferring up to \$500,000 from CIP P44-089 Deferred Building Maintenance to CIP F21-041 Downtown and Glacier Fire Stations Mechanical and Electrical Upgrades.

Mr. Barr read the ordinances into the record and gave a brief summary on each item.

Ms. Patterson noted for the record that if Ordinance 2022-49 was pulled for further discussion she would need to recuse herself as she has a personal relationship with the applicant. Chair Lee asked committee members if they wished to pull that ordinance, or any others, from the consent agenda for further discussion. Mr. Froehlich stated that Ordinance 2022-49 did bring up questions for him not specific to this ordinance but the nature of it. Conveying CBJ property to individuals at fair market value and feel there is a process that can be examined about historically disenfranchised groups particularly those who are our first peoples of the area (Auk Kwan). He brought forth the question of how these types of actions can continue a legacy of systemic racism in our community. If it is conveyances of land to individual parties could CBJ look at creating policy that would allow the various tribal communities in Juneau “right of first refusal” or purchasing that property at fair market value. Chair Lee asked Mr. Barr if he had additional information on the process of land sales and transfers that happen between CBJ and individuals or organizations. Mr. Barr stated it would be good for our Lands Manager to come before the committee and give the committee a briefing on that topic. Mr. Barr gave an overview of how disposal follows the policies outlined in the Land Management Plan and recommended the committee read through the plan and noted the final decision lies with the Assembly.

Chair Lee asked when would be a good time to speak to the topic brought forward by Mr. Froehlich, perhaps during a future SRRC meeting which the Lands Manager could come and give a presentation.

Mr. Nance appreciated Mr. Froehlich’s comments and wondered if, as a committee, they were reactive or proactive and that Mr. Froehlich’s comments were proactive. Do we look through all the CBJ codes for issues and be proactive or wait until it comes before us and be reactive; most of what the committee has done so far has been reactive.

Mr. Barr shared his screen to show where Gastineau Lodge Apartments would go per Mr. Froehlich’s question of where the apartments would be located.

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

2. For legislation pulled for further discussion or to walk-through the SRRC checklist on particular legislation.

G. STAFF REPORTS

H. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Chair Lee recommended the committee hold a work session to have a deeper discussion on the roles of the committee. Staff will send out a doodle poll to the committee with potential dates to hold a work session.

Assemblymember Woll appreciated hearing the discussion today regarding land disposal. This is a timely discussion as the Assembly just heard at last night’s meeting the potential for two large land negotiations on Pedersen Hill, one with Tlingit & Haida Regional Housing Authority and the other with a private developer. Ms. Woll reported that she had updated the Assembly on the larger discussion that is beginning in the SRRC with review of its charge and looking at the bigger picture of systemic racism, where it begins and how to address that vs. only reviewing legislation. The Assembly would appreciate hearing back on what the SRRC recommends and perhaps hold a joint meeting between the Assembly and the SRRC for possible charge changes.

I. NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at Noon via Zoom Webinar

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.