SYSTEMIC RACISM REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES



November 14, 2023 at 12:00 PM

Zoom Webinar

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A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Froehlich called the Systemic Racism Review Committee at 12:02 p.m.

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to acknowledge that the City and Borough of Juneau is on Tlingit land and wish to honor the indigenous people of this land. For more than ten thousand years, Alaska Native people have been and continue to be integral to the well-being of our community. We are grateful to be in this place, a part of this community, and to honor the culture, traditions, and resilience of the Tlingit people. Gunalchéesh!

C. ROLL CALL

Present: Ephraim Froehlich, Kelli Patterson, Ivan Nance, Jennifer Pemberton and AnaVera Morato (joined at 12:25pm)

Absent: Gail Cheney

Staff/Other: Rob Palmer, Di Cathcart, Nicole Lynch, Denise Koch

Attendee: Jill Maclean, Dan Bleidorn, Matthew Sill, Matthew Creswell, Sherri Layne

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved as presented.

1. October 24, 2023 Systemic Racism Review Committee Minutes - Draft

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

G. CONSENT AGENDA

The following ordinances were up for introduction on the consent agenda at Monday night's 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 2022-60(b) An Ordinance Amending the Purchasing Code Regarding Public Notice, Price Thresholds, Contracting Process, Contract Requirements, and Approval Process.

https://mccmeetingspublic.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/juneauak-meet-1f22e5b11fe244a084bc51185189155a/ITEM-Attachment-001-09d180af6a0f4b93ab8b9c64b6b73496.pdf

Ordinance 2023-18 An Ordinance Amending the City and Borough of Juneau Code Related to Development in Landslide and Avalanche Hazard Areas.

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Appendix A - Maps Link: https://mccmeetingspublic.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/juneauak-meet-1f22e5b11fe244a084bc51185189155a/ITEM-Attachment-001-4f496fd04fe34bb1b448942c919d9155.pdf

Ordinance 2023-36 An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Foreclosed Property Located at 520 Sixth Street by Sealed Competitive Bid Auction.

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Ordinance 2022-06(b)(BB) An Ordinance Appropriating \$6,320,400 to the Manager for the City and Borough of Juneau's Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Costs; Funding Provided by Various Sources.

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Ordinance 2023-14(b)(Q) An Ordinance Appropriating \$500,000 to the Manager for the Cruise Ship Dock Safety Railing Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by Docks Funds.

https://mccmeetingspublic.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/juneauak-meet-1f22e5b11fe244a084bc51185189155a/ITEM-Attachment-001-57f151030841478585c1cd20655d689a.pdf

Mr. Palmer read the ordinances into the record and gave a summary of each piece of legislation.

Chair Froehlich asked committee members if they had any ordinances they would like pulled for further discussion. Ms. Pemberton asked if there was anything special regarding the foreclosure process. Mr. Palmer said the difference is it's by state statue and property taxes are due, it takes about a year to go through the foreclosure process which hasn't happened for five years due to the pandemic. Staff made the determination there is no public need, so the option is to auction the property off to pay off all the debts.

MOTION: by Mr. Nance move the consent agenda as presented...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."

I. AGENDA TOPICS

3. Legislative Capitol Priorities

SRRC members to review legislative priorities list and bring recommendations to the committee for final discussion and vote on which priorities to move forward.

Ms. Koch walked committee members through the process. Chair Froehlich then asked committee members to state the projects they saw as priorities, noting for him it was Lemon Creek Multi-Modal Path as an equity issue, in a good way and Jackie Renninger Park Improvements.

Mr. Nance agreed with Chair Froehlich on those projects. Ms. Pemberton flagged the same two for the same reasons stated and commented that it's a hard assignment but when you narrow it down there are lots of ways to prioritize this but if we can put our weight between these two it is towards our stated goals as a committee. Ms. Patterson agreed with Chair Froelich on the Lemon Creek project and also liked the BRH Behavioral Health Center, recognizing that a lot of our issues within our system can start with behavioral health. Ms. Pemberton added that project was her third option but looking at the reasoning it seemed to be a request due to poor spending vs. helping those in need.

Ms. Koch reminded committee members that they will get a second bit at the apple, meaning they will see this again after all the material is collected from the other boards and committees making recommendations.

Chair Froehlich asked what the \$4 million related to BRH Behavioral Health Center was for. Ms. Koch, it sounds like BRH may be shifting away from this project and may pursue a project to expand the Emergency Department. The SRRC will see final recommendations from BRH Board once the full list comes back to the committee for final review.

Chair Froehlich noted that for this first go-around the committee could forward three projects instead of just two. Ms. Morato joined the meeting and Chair Froehlich brought her up to speed on the Legislative Capitol Priorities. Ms. Patterson noted that she is happy to go with the top two and make a note related to the BRH project.

Clerks will write up a draft memo stating the SRRC's top two/three projects: 15, 25 & 26 and send that off to Chair Froehlich for wordsmithing and committee members can send feedback to the Chair. The memo will be included in the December 12th SRRC meeting for committee finalization.

J. STAFF REPORTS

None

K. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

L. NEXT MEETING DATE

Regular SRRC meeting: December 12, 2023, at Noon via Zoom Webinar

M. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.