SYSTEMIC RACISM REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES



December 12, 2023 at 12:00 PM

Zoom Webinar

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A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair Froehlich shared the following 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, Gail Cheney, Jennifer Pemberton

Absent: AnaVera Morato

Staff/Other: Robert Barr, Di Cathcart, Nicole Lynch, and Denise Koch

Attendees: Ibn Bailey and Jayla C

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. November 14, 2023 Systemic Racism Review Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

Minutes approved as presented.

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

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.

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)(E) An Ordinance De-appropriating \$950,000 from the Manager for Childcare Programs.

Ordinance 2023-14(b)(R) An Ordinance Appropriating \$1,600,000 to the Manager for the Affordable Housing Fund; Funding Provided by General Funds.

Ordinance 2023-05 An Ordinance Authorizing an Alternative Procurement Method Related to the Eaglecrest Pulse Gondola Construction Project.

Deputy Manager Barr provided a staff report on each of the above legislative matters and the meetings at which they have considered.

MOTION: by Ms. Pemberton to approve the consent agenda as presented and ask for unanimous consent. **Hearing no objections; 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."

No items were pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

I. AGENDA TOPICS

3. Legislative Capital 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.

Chair Froehlich said that SRRC discussed the Legislative Capital Priorities at its last meeting and the three priorities that the committee had identified they were interested in putting forward were the Lemon Creek Multimodal Path, the Jackie Renninger Skate Park, and Bartlett Aurora Behavioral Health Center.

Chair Froehlich opened the floor up to committee comments and questions.

Ms. Pemberton noted that the Bartlett Aurora Behavioral Health Center was withdrawn from the list and she asked if they could hear more from E/PW Director Koch about the new projects listed specifically the Capital City Community Center in Lemon Creek. E/PW Director Koch gave an overview of the new projects added to the list and also explained the process and timelines by which this priorities list is developed.

Chair Froehlich noted the Capital City Community Center fits the most with SRRC priorities and addresses the lack of community infrastructure within this area of time. He suggested they strike the Behavioral Health Center from their final letter and possibly pursuing this project as long as the process includes dialogue with the community and that portion of the community in particular. Additional discussion took place as to their ranking, or not ranking, of the SRRC's top three priorities.

<u>MOTION</u>: by Ms. Pemberton to remove the Behavioral Health Center as the third priority and replace it with the new Capital City Community Center as submitted by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee and asked for unanimous consent.

Hearing no objection, the motion passed by unanimous consent.

Chair Froehlich said he will work on updating the letter and try to send that out for review by the end of the week and then he will send it to E/PW Director Koch once it is final. Director Koch encouraged them to send the letter to her as soon as possible as the next stop in the process is that the priority list will be going to the PWFC on December 18 for review.

J. STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Barr shared some process tips to ensure compliance with the Open Meetings Act (OMA) and suggested that members should not be emailing one another about the draft letter but rather to use staff as the hub for any edits to the letter which would ensure there are no OMA violations.

K. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs introduced herself and was grateful to be the Assemblymember Liaison to the SRRC and due to travel and other time conflicts, this was the first meeting she has been able to attend as the liaison and she is happy to provide any feedback to the Assembly that they may wish to forward on.

Ms. Pemberton said that at the Assembly meeting the night before, she noticed that there were a number of committee appointments made and she asked what the status was on the SRRC vacant seat.

Deputy Clerk Cathcart shared that there were two applications received for the SRRC and the appointment to committee will be taken up at the January 8, 2024 Assembly Human Resources Committee meeting. She explained they are still accepting applications so anyone who may be interested in applying can still submit an application.

L. NEXT MEETING DATES

Regular SRRC Meeting: January 9, 2024 at Noon via Zoom Webinar

Regular SRRC Meeting: February 6, 2024 at Noon via Zoom Webinar

M. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

None

N. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m.