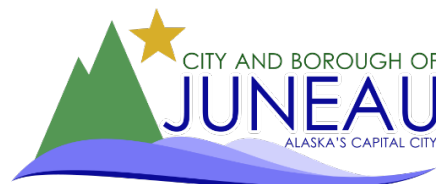


SYSTEMIC RACISM REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 24, 2023 at 12:00 PM

Zoom Webinar



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A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

C. ROLL CALL

Present: Acting Chair Ephraim Froehlich, Ivan Nance, Jennifer Pemberton and AnaVera Morato

Absent: Kelli Patterson and Gail Cheney

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

Others in attendee mode: Sherri Layne, Emily Wright, Ashley Heimbigner, Jill Maclean, and Ibn Bailey

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved as presented.

1. 2023-08-08 Systemic Racism Review Committee Worksession Minutes - Draft

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

G. AGENDA TOPICS

Election of Officers - Chair & Vice Chair

Ephraim Froehlich was nominated as SRRC Chair and Ivan Nance as SRRC Vice Chair, discussion was had, ***hearing no objection motion passed.***

2. Legislative Capitol Priorities

Engineering/Public Works Director Denise Koch walked committee members through the legislative capital priorities process, timeline and highlighted the projects currently up for review. Boards and Committees have through December 1 to submit the top two priorities on the list and or to nominate two different projects using the nomination form.

Chair Froehlich requested committee members review the legislative priorities and bring forward any recommendations at the November 12, 2023 SRRC meeting; if needed the committee will set up a separate work session.

H. CONSENT AGENDA

The following ordinances were up for introduction on the consent agenda at the October 23, 2023 Assembly Reorganization 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]

3. Legislation for Review by SRRC

Ordinance 2023-14(b)(N) An Ordinance Appropriating \$50,000 to the Manager for Cruise Ship Scheduling Services; Funding Provided by Marine Passenger Fees.

Ordinance 2023-14(b)(O) An Ordinance Appropriating \$300,000 to the Manager for the Trail Improvement Capital Improvement Project; Grant Funding Provided by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources.

Ordinance 2023-14(b)(P) An Ordinance Appropriating \$28,000 to the Manager for Increased Monitoring Services at Suicide Basin; Funding Provided by General Funds.

Ordinance 2023-35 An Ordinance Amending the Animal Control and Protection Code Related to Service Animals.

Ordinance 2023-38 An Ordinance Amending the Traffic Code Relating to Impounds of Vehicles.

Ordinance 2023-39 A Noncode Ordinance Authorizing a Cold Weather Emergency Shelter at 1325 Eastaugh Way.

Mr. Barr read the ordinances into the record and gave brief summaries of each.

MOTION: by Mr. Froehlich to pull Ordinances 2023-38, 2023-39 and 2023-14(b)(O) for further discussion and to approve the consent agenda as amended, *hearing no objection, motion passed.*

I. 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."

Discussion on Ordinance 2023-38; Ms. Pemberton asked what effect the ordinance would have on individuals living in vehicles. Mr. Barr noted this does not change anything for abandoned vehicles that are lived in, generally we don't use the impound process for that scenario instead work to find housing for the individual before dealing with the abandoned vehicle issue. Ms. Morato asked staff to expand on what that process looks like. In response to Ms. Morato's question, Mr. Barr stated It's a tricky one. There's a fair amount of judicial precedent and process questions. There is a case before the Supreme Court right now that the Court has declined to hear in two previous incidents that is currently scheduled for the Supreme Court to decide if it wants to hear it by December 6th of this year. So right now, our process isn't really codified on that issue. We really don't have a great way to assist and help people in that situation other than trying to

connect them with services, such as the Glory Hall, St. Vincent de Paul, AWARE or Family Promise that might be better for them than their current circumstances of living in their vehicle. When we are trying to deal with an abandoned vehicle or a vehicle that is violating the traffic code, or that is abandoned we don't apply the process that is in the legislation before you today if the vehicle is being lived in, we first try to deal with supporting people through that circumstance first.

Chair Froehlich asked Mr. Barr to explain what 'impounding in place' meant. Mr. Barr, it means posting a notice on that vehicle and going through all the other usual notice requirements that exist in our code when we impound vehicles such as reaching out to the registered owner from the data we receive from DMV and advising the individual of their options. There is a waiting period involved and if we have an unresponsive owner or unable to get in touch with the owner after the waiting period that vehicle then goes through the public auction process. Chair Froehlich stated that in his experience with government and the law, oftentimes people in poverty get stuck in these fine and fee loops with the governments in which they reside. One of those common loops is parking, traffic or minor violation tickets that build up and build up for people. So, whether it's an abandoned vehicle, or just a poor person's car oftentimes they will have significant fees and fines attached to them and quite often this is disproportionately affecting people of color and becomes taxes on poor people so thank you Ms. Pemberton and Ms. Morato for pulling this ordinance for discussion. Chair Froehlich asked if this ordinance expands the city's abilities to find and fine vehicles it has deemed abandoned and allows CBJ to impound more vehicles than it currently has capacity for. Ms. Lynch clarified that this ordinance doesn't change the impounding criteria and instead allows CBJ facilities, such as Eaglecrest, to impound in-place vs. having a vehicle moved to JPD's impound lot. Committee members agreed this topic could and should be part of a larger discussion later and recommended moving it forward for Assembly action.

Discussion on Ordinance 2023-39; Chair Froehlich asked if this ordinance is just an approval for the cold weather shelter to move forward at Thane. Mr. Barr said in effect, yes. We are currently operating at Thane and, due to the way this area is zoned, this is a land use exception that needs Assembly approval to continue to operate. Committee members acknowledged the need to move this ordinance through in a timely manner and noted this topic also should be part of a larger discussion by the SRRC at a future meeting and recommended moving it forward for Assembly action.

Discussion on Ordinance 2023-14(b)(O); Chair Froehlich noted that as Ms. Pemberton had mentioned, this ordinance is worthy of a larger discussion and in the interest of time the committee come prepared to do so during the capital improvements project and priorities discussion. Ms. Pemberton said she is interested in comparing a project like this to the Lemon Creek multimodal trail and thinking about who we are serving with these parks and recreation projects.

MOTION: By Ms. Pemberton to forward Ordinances 2023-38, 2023-39 and 2023-14(b)(O) to the full Assembly as presented and ask for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objection, motion passed.*

J. STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Cathcart notified the committee that its new Assemblymember Liaison for the SRRC is Alicia Hughes-Skandijs.

K. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

None

L. NEXT MEETING DATE

November 14, 2023 @ 12pm via Zoom - Regular SRRC Meeting

M. ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business before the committee, meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m.