

# SYSTEMIC RACISM REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 30, 2024 at 12:00 PM

Zoom Webinar



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## A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Froehlich called the Systemic Racism Review Committee via Zoom to order at 12:02 p.m.

## B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – *read by Chair Froehlich*

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, Jennifer Pemberton, Ivan Nance, and Gail Cheney

**Absent:** AnaVera Morato, and John Drips

**Staff/Other:** Nicole Lynch, Di Cathcart, Sherri Layne, Emily Wright, and Robert Palmer

## D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – *Agenda approved as presented*

## E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – *None to approve*

## F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - *None*

## G. AGENDA TOPICS

## H. 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]*

### **1. Legislation for Review by SRRC**

[Ordinance 2023-14\(b\)\(AG\)](#) An Ordinance Transferring \$489,478 from CIP D12-070 Open Space Waterfront Land Acquisition to CIP H51-113 Waterfront Seawalk.

[Ordinance 2024-18](#) A Noncode Ordinance Authorizing a Designated Campground Primarily for People Experiencing Homelessness as an Essential Public Facility and Exempting it from the Requirements and Prohibitions of Title 49.

[Ordinance 2023-14\(b\)\(AH\)](#) An Ordinance Appropriating \$2,000,000 to the Manager as a Grant to Gastineau Human Services to Construct Low Income and Substance Use Recovery Permanent Supportive Housing; Funding Provided by General Funds.

Assistant City Attorney Lynch read the ordinances into the record and gave a summary of each. Chair Froehlich opened the floor to the committee for requests to pull any of the legislation for further discussion.

Ms. Pemberton asked for clarification on what Title 49 is. Ms. Lynch replied that Title 49 is CBJ's Land Use Code which sets the parameters for designating properties; the Planning Commission operates under Title 49.

Ms. Pemberton asked to pull Ordinance 2024-18 for further discussion. Ms. Patterson asked to pull Ordinance 2023-14(b)(AH) for further discussion.

**MOTION:** by Ms. Patterson to pull Ordinance 2024-18 and 2023-14(b)(AH) for further discussion and 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."*

Ms. Pemberton noted that at the April 2<sup>nd</sup> SRRC meeting there was the other Mill Campground Ordinance (2024-14) that was discussed at length regarding location, cautions around the potential for heavy police enforcement, and the concerns raised from the surrounding business. Does this ordinance part of that or is it more about the land use code and where this campground could go.

Ms. Lynch responded that Ms. Pemberton is was correct and this ordinance is attempting to open the possibilities of creating a campground still with less restrictions than would normally be under Title 49. Normally, under Title 49, this would have to go before the Planning Commission for review as well as through the Assembly which creates a longer process; by passing this ordinance it opens it up, so they don't have to go through that whole process. Once a suitable location is found, they can present a resolution to the Assembly, hold public testimony on the resolution then act on the resolution without the added layer of going before the Planning Commission.

Ms. Pemberton thanked Ms. Lynch for the clarification and asked what is keeping this in-front topic in-front of the Assembly, and who is looking for a new location.

Ms. Lynch noted that originally the challenge was timing but since the original proposed location isn't an option the Manager's Office wants to still have the option of moving forward quickly if a suitable campground site comes up as they continue to look for a location.

Mr. Froehlich asked if a site was found but needed to change locations again, how is that cared for to allow public input. Ms. Lynch stated that if a resolution is created it would be site specific and if the location changed, another resolution would be brought forward, and public testimony would be taken on that new resolution.

Mr. Froehlich asked if there were any other questions regarding Ordinance 2024-18, seeing none, let's move on to Ordinance 2023-14(b)(AH), Ms. Patterson you had some questions on this ordinance.

Ms. Patterson asked what the plan for the money is, are they planning on building a new structure, is it for use on an existing structure.

Ms. Lynch responded the funding is for constructing new housing with focus on low-income as well as substance use recovery units.

Ms. Patterson asked how many units they are considering and noted her concern was when you take people with substance abuse and low income and put them all in a big building you need to be cautious that you're not inadvertently creating a Ghetto atmosphere, perpetuating systemic racism, that is hard for the very people you are trying to help get out of those situations. Are these units geared towards families or individuals, and how large

are the units. Ms. Lynch said the plan is for 51 studio apartments and based on the current Housing First model already in use in Lemon Creek.

Mr. Nance noted that AWARE created transitional housing on Cordova Street and unfortunately abusers have followed their victims which has led to many police calls and involvement because there is no security installed for this program and should be better managed, so citizens aren't having to call 911 repeatedly when incident after incident is occurring.

Mr. Froehlich thanked Mr. Nance, and noted, not to sound like a broken record every time we meet but concentrating specific people in specific areas often leads to over policing of those communities; and that is one of the clearest impacts of systemic racism on communities of color. So that would be another flag related to high density populations being grouped together like this even though, clearly the intent of this project is positive with trying to help people.

Mr. Froehlich thanked Ms. Patterson for flagging this and agreed it was worth a note to the Assembly of the concerns the SRRC raised around this project.

**MOTION:** by Ms. Patterson to move Ordinance 2023-14(b)(AH) forward to the full Assembly with the following SRRC note: *while the SRRC approves the \$2 million to Gastineau Human Services, the SRRC recognizes that there are potential unintended consequences with these types of projects which could result in systemic racism for Juneau and we would like the Assembly to take special note when making decisions about future planning and building related to supportive housing* and asked for unanimous consent. **Hearing no objection, motion passed.**

**MOTION:** Ms. Pemberton to move Ordinance 2024-18 to the full Assembly as presented and ask for unanimous consent. **Hearing no objection, motion passed.**

## J. STANDING AGENDA TOPICS - AS TIME ALLOWS,

### 2. CBJ FY25 Budget Ordinances - For SRRC Discussion

April 6, 2024 Assembly Finance Committee Worksession w/ YouTube Recording - [PACKET LINK](#)

May 1, 2024 Assembly Finance Committee Meeting - [PACKET LINK](#)

[Ordinance 2024-01](#) An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Treasury for FY25 City and Borough Operations.

Link to: [FY25 & FY26 Proposed Budget Book](#)

[Resolution 3052](#) A Resolution Adopting the City and Borough Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2025 through 2030 and Establishing the Capital Improvement Project Priorities for Fiscal Year 2025.

Link to: [FY25-FY30 Draft CIP Book](#)

Mr. Froehlich asked if the committee had any questions for staff, seeing none, Mr. Froehlich moved on to the next agenda topic.

### 3. Standing Agenda Topic - Links to Other CBJ Functions for Potential SRRC Review - As Time Allows

During several SRRC meetings these topics were brought up as potential topics of interest for the SRRC to review.

Human Resources/Risk Management Department ([webpage](#)): [employment](#), [personnel rules](#), [policies & procedures](#)

CBJ Police Department ([webpage](#)): [JPD Policies](#), [Annual Reports & Strategic Plans](#)

CBJ Municipal Elections ([webpage](#))

**CBJ Board Recruitment & Diversity** - [CBJ board directory](#)& [CBJ board application](#) - *the SRRC chose this as their first topic to work on*

Mr. Froehlich gave a summary for Mr. Nance and Ms. Cheney of what the committee discussed during the worksession and how they came to decide to discuss board recruitment as their first topic.

Ms. Cathcart will send out a Doodle Poll with Summer dates for the SRRC to create some placeholder dates for worksessions.

**K. STAFF REPORTS - None**

**L. COMMITTEE MEMBER / ASSEMBLY LIAISON COMMENTS & QUESTIONS - None**

**M. NEXT MEETING DATE - Tuesdays at 12:00pm via Zoom**

Regular SRRC Meeting for Legislation Review - May 14, 2024

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.