



RACIAL EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 (6:30 PM)
MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Committee Members: Sonia Canzater, Isaac Cudjoe, Pat Grant, Jared Hautamaki, Shuo (Jim) Huang, Sylvia Hernandez, Tasnuva Khan, Betty Lam, Shane Lloyd (Vice Chair), Willie Parker-Loan, Izola Shaw, Selena Mendy Singleton, Jim Stowe

Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice Staff: Gimari Jones, Tiffany Ward

Not in Attendance: Troy Boddy, Jordan Neal, Gustavo Torres

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:39pm by Chair Partap

AGENDA

Agenda was adopted.

MINUTES

No objections or additions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sub-committee debriefings

- Shou Huang gave a summary of the Immigration/Refugee subcommittee meeting that took place in August, and their focus areas and priorities, and how the group will communicate and collaborate with one another.

ACTION: Shou will email resources out to everyone.

- Ms. Shaw presented out for the communications and outreach subcommittee. Activities of the subcommittee include how they will use the subcommittee to discover new ways to solicit feedback from the community to county government. They also plan to communicate out about critical race theory.
 - Jim Stowe mentioned that Montgomery College is doing an event on Critical Race Theory (“CRT”) in late September. He suggested perhaps connecting with them.

ACTION: Mr. Stowe will connect Ms. Shaw to his contact at Montgomery College for the event.

- Ms. Ward suggested having a more focused discussion around subcommittees and questioned Committee should have all of them.

- The Committee discussed potentially combining subcommittees, which ones could be combined, how committees could track issue areas, and additional areas of focus.
 - The Committee settled on the combined list of subcommittees already shared, with minor changes.

Retreat Update

- Ms. Jones gave an update on the retreat date and activities
- Ms. Ward asked for volunteer

NEW BUSINESS

New Officers

- Ms. Ward shared the upcoming election of new officers in October

ACTION: Ms. Ward will check with Beth Gochrach on requirements for feedback to leadership.

Montgomery County Police Data

- Mr. Hautamaki shared information from an OLO report suggesting that the MCPD has not been collecting data on traffic stops, which was mandatory, for the past 14 years, and suggested that the Committee write a letter to MCPD about this equity issue.
 - Ms. Singleton suggested having some background and a process around how we make decisions like these
 - Mr. Lloyd proposed a checklist the committee could potentially adopt and use that helps the committee make these decisions.

ACTION: Mr. Lloyd will work on thinking through elements to include on the checklist.

ACTION: Mr. Lloyd, Ms. Canzater and Ms. Grant will attend the 9/27 County Council meeting on Bill 44-70 re: MCPD data

Other Committee Duties

- Mr. Hautamaki raised the Committee's responsibilities and questioned whether the committee has been fulfilling their duties/expectations based on the legislation – specifically referring to #7 in the duties for the committee's responsibilities to meet with department leads.
- Willie Parker-Loan and Jared Hautamaki suggested getting a list of all the department leads to the committee.

ACTION: ORESJ will get the list of leads to Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Verma, and Ms. Singleton.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm