



Racial Equity and Social Justice Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 25, 2021 (Virtual Meeting)

6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Special Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES: Troy Boddy, Sonia Canzater, Jared Hautamaki, Shuo (Jim) Huang, Sylvia Hernandez, Betty Lam, Shane Lloyd (Vice Chair), Willie Parker-Loan, Izola Shaw, Selena Mendy Singleton, Jim Stowe, Gustavo Torres, Partap Verma (Chair)

Absent: Pat Grant, Katherine Culliton-Gonzalez

RESJ Staff: Gimari Jones

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Vice Chair Shane Lloyd

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item: Letter to Governor Lawrence Hogan

Discussed letter to Governor Lawrence Hogan as drafted by the "RESJ Vaccine Rollout Letter Campaign Team". Izola Shaw suggested that the letter be specific about targeted outreach. Committee added a request in the letter to extend an invitation to (Brigadier General Janeen L. Birkhead, lead for the Maryland Equity Task Force for the COVID-19 rollout, to attend a committee meeting. Selena Mendy Singleton discussed the formal process for sending the letter to the Governor and other elected officials. Shane Lloyd facilitated a roll-call vote. The letter was approved unanimously. Partap Verma recommended that the County Executive and County Council be made aware of the letter to the Governor.

Action: Selena Mendy Singleton will send the letter to the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs for approval. After approval, the Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice will send the letter to the Governor.

NEW BUSINESS

Item: Letter to County Executive Elrich

Gustavo Torres proposed drafting a letter to the County Executive and the County Council on the vaccine rollout.

Action: Partap Verma and Jim Stowe will join Gustavo Torres on the letter writing committee.

Item: Speaker for March 2021 Meeting

Selena Mendy Singleton suggested inviting Councilmember Nancy Navarro to speak at the March meeting.

Action: Partap Verma will extend the invitation; Selena Mendy Singleton will follow up with staff.

Item: Draft Values Document

Izola Shaw reminded everyone to look at the values and submit edits by March 15, 2021.

Action: Committee members will review and send comments to Ms. Shaw.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m. by Chair Partap Verma.