



## **Racial Equity and Social Justice Advisory Committee**

Wednesday, January 27, 2021 (Virtual Meeting)

6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

### **Minutes**

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

**Absent:** Katherine Cuilliton-Gonzalez

**RESJ Staff:** Tiffany Ward, Gimari Jones

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Partap Verma.

### **MINUTES**

Minutes of December 16, 2021 minutes were approved as corrected.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Item:** Advisory Committee vacancies

Tiffany Ward discussed the vacancy of the 2 advisory committee positions.

**Action:** Partap Verma, Pat Grant, Zola Shaw, and Jim Huang expressed an interest in serving on the nominating committee.

**Item:** Draft Bylaws

Selena Mendy Singleton, reporting on behalf of the ad hoc bylaws committee, reported that she has drafted bylaws.

**Action:** Ms. Singleton will circulate the draft by-laws next week; Chair Verma offered to assist with facilitating a conversation with the County Attorney if necessary.

**Item:** Committee Priorities

The Committee agreed that the impact of COVID on the community is a priority. James Stowe raised the need for equity with respect to important lifesaving vaccines. Also noted that the COVID umbrella and the death rates are highest among people of color, particularly African Americans, with Hispanic gaining in numbers. Selena Mendy Singleton suggested the committee should continue to be informed by the community. Shane Lloyd suggested the idea of tapping into some community organizations to organize a “Vaccine Talk”. Gustavo Torres expressed an interest in organizing virtual community event. Pat Grant suggested the committee also may want to partner with and include the BIPOC advisory groups. Sonia Canzater, a member of the Caribbean Community Advisory Committee, suggested the possibility of pulling in panelists from across the state.

**Action:** Gustavo Torres, Pat Grant, and Betty Lam will take the lead on organizing a community conversation.

**Item:** Website

Committee proposed certain changes.

**Action:** Gimari Jones (RESJ staff) will update the RESJ Advisory Committee page

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Special Presentation on Capitol Insurrection prepared by Pat Grant. Committee engaged in an open discussion and questions on feelings about all that transpired the day of January 6, 2021.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. by Chair Partap Verma.