



Racial Equity and Social Justice Advisory Committee

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 (Virtual Meeting)

6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES:

Committee Members: Troy Boddy, Sonia Canzater, Pat Grant, 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)

Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice Staff: Tiffany Ward and Andrea Gardner.

Guests: Councilmember Evan Glass, Captain Stacey Flynn, Dr. Elaine Bonner-Tompkins, Dr. Theo Holt

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Vice Chair Shane Lloyd.

AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Special Guests:

Evan Glass, Councilmember, Montgomery County At-Large, discussed his recently passed resolution To reaffirm Montgomery County's commitment to combat hate and extremism against the backdrop of the recent decision to find former police officer Derek Chauvin guilty of the murder of George Floyd, police accountability and a host of other inequities. He acknowledged there is more work to do both on the State and County levels. Councilmember Glass also shared his commitment to ensuring the safety of every Montgomery County resident.

Captain Stacey Flynn, Director of Public Information and the Community Engagement Division, spoke to the differences with hate crimes and bias incidents and provided statistics on these issues. Mistrust of police, language barriers, and immigration fears affect the reporting of incidences. She also shared safety tips and bystander intervention.

Dr. Bonner-Tompkins, Senior Legislative Analyst - Office of Legislative Oversight, Montgomery County Government, provided a presentation on the work that is currently being handled by the Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO). She also listed ideas where the RESJ Committee can use the assistance of the OLO with data.

Dr. Theo Holt, Performance Management and Data Analyst, Office of Legislative Oversight, Montgomery County Government, provided information on the Racial Equity Impact Statements.

MINUTES

The minutes of 1/27, 1/25, 3/17, 3/24 were approved as corrected.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item: Update: Letter to the County Executive

County Executive Office acknowledged receipt of the letter from the committee.

Item: Discussion: RESJAC Values

Izola Shaw communicated minor edits shared the document with the group. Committee voted unanimously to approve the bylaws.

Action: Ms. Shaw will work with RESJ staff to post RESJAC committee values to the website.

Item: Update: Bylaws

Selena Mendy Singleton shared that the County Attorney reviewed and made edits to the draft bylaws. Committee voted unanimously to approve the bylaws.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m. by Chair Verma.