



**RACIAL EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022 (6:30 PM)**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**ATTENDEES:**

**Committee Members:** Izola (Zola) Shaw (Chair), Shane Lloyd (Vice Chair), Selena Mendy Singleton (Parliamentarian), Sonia Canzater, Isaac Cudjoe, Pat Grant, Jared Hautamaki, Sylvia Hernandez, Tasnuva Khan, Betty Lam, Jordan Neal, Willie Parker Loan, Jim Stowe, Gustavo Torres (by phone)

**Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice Staff:** Tiffany Ward

**Not in Attendance:** Shuo (Jim) Huang, Partap Verma, Sylvia Hernandez

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm by Chair Shaw.

**AGENDA**

No objections or additions.

**MINUTES**

No objections or additions.

- December 15 Meeting
- January 5 Special Meeting

**COUNTY COUNCIL PRESIDENT GABE ALBORNOZ**

Discussion Highlights:

- Shared 2022 Council priorities.
- Confirmed that the Office of Legislative Oversight will conduct a Racial Equity and Social Justice Analysis of Thrive Montgomery 2050; Stated the intent to be thorough and methodical.
- Stated that the Police Advisory Board public hearing process will have several opportunities for community engagement.
- Discussed that there will be a fourth COVID 19 Rental Relief Program in the upcoming weeks.
- Discussed the success of the Guaranteed Income Program, which provides \$800 a month to 300 families for a two-year period.

No motions or votes taken.

**MAPPING SOCIAL CHANGE ECOSYSTEMS WITH DEEPA IYER**

Discussion Highlights:

- Presented on the social change ecosystem that Ms. Iyer created and how that system can be applied to groups like RESJAC as well as individuals.

- The committee participated in a discussion that included questions about how to participate in a change ecosystem when your role and the expectations of your role shifts.
- The committee will continue to discuss and participate in activities to further explore the change ecosystem perhaps in the next RESJAC retreat.

No motions or votes taken.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT OUT**

- Isaac Cudjoe– Communications and Outreach: The subcommittee met on January 13; continued to discuss and plan the RESJAC community forum scheduled for early spring.
- Jordan Neal – Public Safety, Immigration and Health: Shared that these RESJAC subcommittees plan to meet in early February.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Item: Land acknowledgement**

Jordan Neal led a discussion on the land acknowledgement by sharing the draft language, answering questions, and addressing comments. Jordan Neal noted that she will resend the draft language and extend the comment period for a third month.

#### **Item: Retreat Session II Planning Subcommittee**

Izola Shaw asked the committee to form a subgroup of members who are interested in planning the second session of the retreat. The following members expressed an interest: Izola Shaw, Shane Lloyd, Selena Mendy Singleton, Isaac Cudjoe, Pat Grant, Jordan Neal, Jim Stowe.

#### **Item: RESJAC Budget Group**

Because RESJAC did not use the full 25K allotted last year, this year’s budget was reduced to 10K. Izola Shaw asked the committee to form a group interested in making suggestions on how to resource activities. Izola Shaw and Shane Lloyd expressed an interest.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jim Stowe shared the following announcements:

- Martin Luther King Program: Voting Rights under Siege
  - Aired Friday, January 21 on government Channel 30 for Verizon subscribers and Channel 6 for Comcast subscribers.
- Black History Month Poetry Read/Conjunction with NAACP ACT-So program and BlackRock Center for the Arts on February 5 virtual Event
- Black History Month: “Ordinary People doing Extraordinary Things for the Fight for Freedom” at the Music Center at Strathmore on February 18, 7:30 pm
- Civil Rights Tour: Revisiting the History of a Nation; April 2-10
- Juneteenth Celebration, June 18-19

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm by Chair Shaw.