



**RACIAL EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, April 19, 2023 (6:30 P.M.)**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**ATTENDEES**

*Community Members:*

Shane Lloyd (Chair)  Jared Hautmamaki (Vice Chair)  Izola Shaw (Zola) (Second Vice Chair)  Sonia Canzater  Isaac Cudjoe  Pat Grant  Shuo Huang  Tasnuva Khan  Jordan Neal  Gustavo Torres

*County Staff Members:*

Selena Mendy Singleton (Parliamentarian)  Anthony R Alston  Sylvia Hernandez  
 Betty Lam  Willie Parker Loan  James Stowe  Khalid Afzal

**Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice Staff**

Tiffany Ward  Jeanette Rojas

**CALL TO ORDER**

- The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chair Shane Lloyd.

**AGENDA**

- There were no changes to the agenda. The agenda was approved.

**MINUTES**

- There were no changes to the minutes. The minutes were approved.

**AGENDA ITEM 1**

- **Finding fellowship to build healthier communities**

Dr. Kisha Davis, MD, MPH, FAFP, Montgomery County Health Officer talked about the documentary film “Finding Fellowship,” the Quince Orchard Project, and her family’s deep history within Montgomery County. Follow this link for background:

<https://www.pbs.org/video/finding-fellowship-3bz18O/> Dr. Davis also spoke about social determinants of health, how strong community support can contribute to healthier outcomes and longer lives, and her desire to breakdown nuances within racial disparities.

**AGENDA ITEM 2**

- **Shift in Local Legislative Process – Ms. Selena Mendy Singleton**

The County Council updated the Rules or Procedures on November 15, 2022. Rule 4. (b) Public hearing notice requirements, Publication requirements were changed to allow 14 days

(instead of 15 days) for a public hearing to take place from the time a bill is introduced effectively reducing the amount of time the public has to review the bill.

[https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2022/20221115/20221115\\_6.pdf](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2022/20221115/20221115_6.pdf) See page 6. Rule 4. (d)(1) Public hearing notice requirements, Board of Health regulations was changed to allow 14 days (instead of 15 days) for a public hearing [https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2022/20221115/20221115\\_6.pdf](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2022/20221115/20221115_6.pdf) See page 6-7. The current Council President increased the time someone can testify from 2 minutes to 3 minutes and increased the number of people that can testify at public hearings

## **ACTION**

- Invite the Council President to a future meeting to share our thoughts on how updates to the Rules of Procedure will impact the community and the way we practice equity.
- Determine if RESJAC wants to send a letter to the County Executive and the County Council about the updates to the Rules.

## **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

- **Agenda Item 3: Rent Stabilization – Ms. Zola Shaw**

Bill 16-23 Landlord-Tenant Relations – Rent Stabilization (The HOME Act) Letter Review  
Ms. Shaw summarized the bill. Committee members discussed the letter. Shuo motioned to approve the letter drafted by the committee. The letter was approved by a majority vote.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**

- The new installation of Harriet Tubman called Journey to Freedom is being installed at the Button Farm Living History Center. The installation will be on display until May 30.
- Montgomery County Juneteenth events will take place from Friday, June 16 – Saturday, June 17. Montgomery County will host the International Human Rights Conference from August 13 – August 17.

## **ADJOURN**

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m. by Chair Shane Lloyd.