



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

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Checked boxes indicate present. Unchecked boxes indicate absence.

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:

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

Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice Staff:

- Jeannette Rojas Tiffany Ward

CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

AGENDA

- No objections.

MINUTES

- The June 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes were approved.

AGENDA ITEM 1: Community Engagement Conversation with Cleo Hirsch and Tisha Edwards

- Ideas for Agenda Funding Discussion:
 - Obligate the funds; the time frame may have passed (Worth asking... Some of those things are doing the obligation piece that Selena mentioned, sunset for the year)
 - Fund a RESJAC scholarship
 - Schedule for closing out this year in terms of a budget
 - Those are questions we can ask pretty quickly and get answers from
 - Palm cards to advertise our work and bring it to the FY '24 year

- Upcoming conferences
- Annual friendship picnic coming up on April 20th...opportunity to reach out to diverse communities in the county
- The International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies hosts an annual conference under the theme of "Embracing Truth and Healing: Securing Equity and Justice for All."
 - The camp selects between 75-80 fifth graders to talk about human civil rights and members of the world community.
- The committee discussed the idea of working with local high school students to help advance the duties of RESJAC.
 - Students could be compensated by Providing Kids with smart cards to commute to an office.
- Another suggestion for discussion was launching a speakers' initiative through RESJAC:
 - The Speakers series offered by the Racial Equity and Social Justice Commission would bring in a known speaker annually.
 - The committee would host wrap-around activities related to the selected speaker.
 - The topic would reflect an important topic on the edge of things today.
 - The speakers could range from more well-known or lesser well-known and do so on a given day throughout the year.
 - This effort could help the committee amplify its own positions.
- **Motion** to approve the palm card and move to develop or design RESJAC palm cards initiated by Zola Shaw. Seconded by Sonia Canzater.

Responses: Khalid A.– Yes, Gustavo T.– Yes, Sylvia H.– Yes, Isaac C.– Yes, Jared H. – Yes, Selena S. – Yes, Sonia C. – Yes, Tasnuva K. – Yes, Zola S. – Yes and Jim S. – Yes

 - Discussion continued regarding the fact that RESJAC cannot go through a vendor and why we can't do that.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Montgomery County Dept of Corrections Conversation

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AGENDA ITEM 3: Co-Creation Community Academy Presentation

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

- None.

ADJOURN

- Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.