

SYSTEMIC RACISM REVIEW COMMITTEE

February 15, 2022 12:00 PM

Zoom Webinar

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Worl called the Systemic Racism Review Committee to Order at 12:02 p.m.

II. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Lisa Worl, Vice Chair Grace Lee, Dominic Branson, Carla Casulucan and Kelli Patterson

Absent: None

Staff/Other: Robert Barr, Robert Palmer, Di Cathcart, Scott Ciambor, Dave Scanlan and Assemblymember Liaison Christine Woll

Others in attendee mode: Adam Gottschalk, Benjamin Brown, Dan Bleidorn, Jill Maclean, Sherri Layne, Deb Senn, Amy Pearl, Dee Jay DeRego, Ibn Bailey

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved as amended. Mr. Branson requested the minutes for January 3, 2022 be amended to show he was a no vote for the North Douglas rezone ordinance up for review, that amendment has been made to the January 3, 2022 minutes.

A. January 11, 2022 SRRC Minutes-Draft

B. February 8, 2022 SRRC Minutes-Draft

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(Z) An Ordinance Appropriating up to \$2,000,000 to the Manager for the Purchase of a Used Gondola for Eaglecrest Ski Area; Funding Provided by General Funds.

Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(Z) was introduced at the February 7, 2022 Regular Assembly Meeting and sent to the Assembly Committee of the Whole Work Session on Monday, February 14, 2022 for further discussion. The Eaglecrest Summer Operations Task Force met on Friday, February 11, 2022 at 12pm to discuss this ordinance and the Eaglecrest Board held a special meeting also on February 11, 2022 at 4:30pm to discuss this ordinance.

This Ordinance is on the Systemic Racism Review Committees consent agenda as a placeholder if the Assembly Committee of the Whole moves it out of committee and onto the February 28, 2022 Regular Assembly Meeting agenda for public hearing.

Mr. Barr read the ordinance into the record. The Assembly Committee of the Whole met and discussed this ordinance last night and forwarded it to the February 28 regular meeting for public hearing. Eaglecrest Summer Operations Task Force and Eaglecrest Board held special meetings to recommend support.

MOTION: by Ms. Lee to approve the consent agenda as presented, *hearing no objection; motion passed.*

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Training & Information on Housing Programs and Homelessness in Juneau

Scott Ciambor, CDD Planning Manager, walked the committee through a PowerPoint presentation on housing programs in Juneau; outlining the CBJ Housing Action Plan - CBJ must utilize its own resources to create more housing opportunity in the community and Social Equity - Representation and intentionality is important going forward.

Chair Worl opened the meeting up to the committee members for questions.

Ms. Patterson thanked Mr. Ciambor for the information and asked how homelessness in Juneau measures up compared to other Alaskan communities that are about the same size, how much of our homeless community is minority and how much involvement do non-profit service organizations have a seat at the table.

Mr. Ciambor stated that, in general, all the agencies that participate in homeless services in the state put information into a shared database and enter data daily. The Point-In-Time Count, started in 2016 and held annually on a day in January, is one way to gather data including demographics for that day. The Point-In-Time event along with Homeless Connect Day reaches and collects data on 200-245 people. Juneau has had a higher homeless population than other communities.

Mr. Ciambor also noted the Housing First projects were one way CBJ collaborated with other agencies such as Tlingit & Haida Central Council and Tlingit & Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA). Also through service grants and loans to the various organizations, whenever there is an opportunity the city should look at collaborating with THRHA.

Ms. Casulucan, does CBJ plan to follow suite with meeting the criteria to receive direct funding as Anchorage does? Mr. Ciambor stated there is a threshold barrier related to population (50,000/people); Fairbanks tried to do direct funding a decade ago and it was burdensome. CBJ's affordable Housing has been successful working in partnership with Alaska Housing Finance Corporation.

Chair Worl thanked Mr. Ciambor for the presentation and noted the homeless data could be a helpful addition to our census data on the checklist. Chair Worl asked about the Covid rental assistance program. Mr. Ciambor, the covid-19 housing assistance program was a rapid COVID-19 funding response as pass through money from Federal CARES Act to members of the community and all funds were spent.

Chair Worl asked what percentage of funding went to the people most affected. Mr. Ciambor, Finance Director Jeff Rogers, may have that demographic data. The state was involved in the tracking of how funds were utilized throughout the country and it caught communities off-guard at the fast flow of the funds and trying to get it out to the communities.

Chair Worl asked what is the average housing cost is in Juneau and what is the average subsidized costs? Mr. Ciambor noted he would have to dig for that data. On the rental market side, we have an annual market survey

compiled by the State of Alaska in March and posted in September. The Juneau Economic Development Council compiles information related to single-family homes and fair market housing.

IX. STAFF REPORTS

None

X. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Ms. Lee noted she will not be able to attend the March 1, 2022 meeting.

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting date is set for March 1, 2022.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.