

Town of Fairfax
Racial Equity and Social Justice Committee (RESJ)
Regular Meeting
Via teleconference due to COVID-19
Thursday, March 4, 2021

Committee member Ackerman called the Regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order/Roll Call:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Patrece Bryan
Veronica Geretz
Amal
Tayu Neogy
Griselda Hernandez
Serena Campbell
Daria Sievers
Alexandra Rosem
Lisel Blash
Layli Shirani
Sophia Martin
Stephanie Hellman (Councilmember)
Bruce Ackerman (Councilmember)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Garrett Toy, Town Manager
Anne Mannes, Staff member
Lisa Jimenez, Facilitator

Approval of Agenda and Affidavit of Posting

M/s, Geretz/Sievers, to approve the agenda and Affidavit of posting.

Ayes: All

Regular Agenda

1. Conduct the meeting of the RESJ Committee to discuss/consider the following general topics and take action as appropriate:
 - A. Opening
 - Land Acknowledgement
 - Assign meeting roles

Committee member Martin volunteered to serve as the process observer and committee member Hellman volunteered to be the timekeeper.

- B. RESJ Reflections on Norms and Moving Forward
 - Revisit purpose and operationalizing of norms
 - Facilitator reflections from last meeting
 - How can we move forward together creating a safe space for engaging in and learning about racial equity work?

Facilitator Jimenez asked for a volunteer to read the RESJ purpose. She gave a PowerPoint presentation. She asked each committee member to mark his or her three strengths and three weaknesses with respect to the norms.

C. Subcommittee Reports

- Policing Subcommittee

Sub committee member Rosem gave a report about the last four subcommittee meetings.

- Ad Hoc Mission and Vision Subcommittee

Sub committee member Rosem gave a report.

- Community Education Subcommittee

Sub committee member Rosem gave a report.

- Policy Subcommittee

Sub committee member Hellman stated they will be meeting soon.

Facilitator Jimenez noted all the subcommittees have openings.

Facilitator Jimenez opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments.

Facilitator Jimenez closed the meeting to public comments.

M/s, Hellman/Bryan, to remove item #E from the agenda and continue the last three bullets from item #D to the next meeting.

Ayes: All

D. Budget Discussion

- Current RESJ budget update
- Parameters of the budget funding for RESJ
- Consider fundraising attendance for Robin DiAngelo
- Consider funding Government Alliance on Racial Equity

Committee member Ackerman gave a budget update.

E. Renaming of Sir Francis Drake

- Share background of renaming of SFD Boulevard

Facilitator Jimenez stated this item has been removed from the agenda.

F. Public Comment- Items on the Agenda

Facilitator Jimenez opened the meeting for comments on items on the agenda.

Joe McGarry stated he is a member of the Rethink Police group and he discussed Police Department data.

Facilitator Jimenez closed the meeting for comments on items on the agenda.

Facilitator Jimenez opened the meeting for comments on items not on the agenda.

Joe McGarry stated a Black Lives Matter Resolution should be adopted by the Town Council.

Facilitator Jimenez closed the meeting for comments on items not on the agenda.

G. Next Meeting

- Next steps review
- Items for next meeting
- Process Observation report out.
- Appreciations
- Closing comments

Staff member Mannes stated the following would be on an upcoming agenda: 1) Report on subcommittee quorum and youth representation; 2) How the RESJ will choose members; 3) Review of Draft revised application and interview process; 4) Discussion of budget items including a RESJ Treasurer; 5) How the RESJ will deal with correspondence.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni DeFrancis
Recording Secretary