

Town of Fairfax
Racial Equity and Social Justice Committee (RESJ)
Special Meeting
Via teleconference due to COVID-19
Wednesday, March 31, 2021

Committee member Hellman called the Special 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
Alexandra Rosem
Lisel Blash
Layli Shirani
Sophia Martin
Stephanie Hellman (Councilmember)
Bruce Ackerman (Councilmember)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Sophia M.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Anne Mannes

Approval of Agenda and Affidavit of Posting

M/s, Rosem/Sievers, to approve the Agenda and Affidavit of Posting.

Ayes: All

Absent: Sophia M.

Regular Agenda

1. Conduct workshop session to discuss/consider draft RESJ Mission and Vision Statement and Adopt RESJ Mission and Vision Statement as appropriate:
 - A. Opening
 - Discussion

Committee member Hellman asked for suggestions on how to proceed with the working session. Committee member Geretz suggested reading each section of the document aloud.

The Committee discussed some suggested edits to the wording.

B. Action to Adopt

Committee member Hellman stated the Committee is not ready to adopt the document at this time.

C. Public Comment

Committee member Hellman opened the meeting to public comments.

Daria Sievers appreciated the deeply thoughtful process. She noted she could not see the document on the screen.

Naomi thanked the Committee for its work.

Debra (Dee Lee) Benson stated she disagrees with the premise upon which the document is based. Fairfax is not a racist community.

Committee member Hellman closed the meeting to public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni DeFrancis,
Recording Secretary