

Town of Fairfax
Racial Equity and Social Justice Committee (RESJ)
Regular Meeting
Via teleconference due to COVID-19
Thursday, June 3, 2021

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

Call to Order/Roll Call:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Veronica Geretz
Tayu Neogy
Serena Campbell
Alexandra Rosem
Lisel Blash
Bruce Ackerman (Councilmember)
Chance Cutrano (Councilmember)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Anne Mannes, Staff member

Approval of Agenda and Affidavit of Posting

M/s, Geretz/Neogy, 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
 - Review norms and active listening techniques

Committee member Ackerman volunteered to serve as the process observer and Committee member Neogy volunteered to be the timekeeper.

- B. Interview process for new RESJ members
 - Report from ad hoc committee
 - Discussion of report and interview process
 - Consider decision on how to move forward with interview process

Committee member Neogy gave a report. The ad hoc committee would like to include the Mission and Vision Statement and meeting norms in the application. She listed the interview questions.

The committee discussed the interview process, the timeline, the length of terms, and the current number of vacancies.

Committee member Rosem opened the meeting to public comments.

There were no comments.

Committee member Rosem closed the meeting to public comments.

M/s, Cutrano/Neogy, to approve the proposed interview questions and include the Mission and Vision Statement and meeting norms.

Ayes: All

C. Report Out

- Policing Subcommittee

Sub committee member Rosem gave a report. The subcommittee continues to work on the survey and would like to hire an outside consultant. They voted to remove the subcommittee from Brown Act requirements.

- Community Education Subcommittee

Sub committee member Rosem gave a report.

- Policy Subcommittee

Sub committee members Blash and Geretz gave a report.

Committee member Cutrano had questions about the sub committees.

Committee member Rosem opened the meeting to public comments.

Ms. Debra (Dee Lee) Benson asked if members of the public could be on the Policy Subcommittee.

Committee member Rosem closed the meeting to public comments.

D. Town Council Report from RESJ and PPPSA Recommendations

- Town Council report back on recommendations and budget
- Discussion
- Consider action item related to recommendations and budget

Committee member Ackerman presented a report. The Council decided to budget \$50,000 towards the RESJ and to transition away from the use of a facilitator.

Committee member Geretz would like to form a fundraising subcommittee of the RESJ.

Committee member Rosem opened the meeting to public comments.

Ms. Debra Benson stated racial covenants were outlawed in 1948. She discussed Serial Meeting Violations of the Brown Act.

Mr. George (Geo) Taylor stated \$50,000 was worth spending to keep the Town safe. He was glad these discussions were in public. The Volunteer Board could help put on public events.

Committee member Rosem closed the meeting to public comments.

E. Public Comment- Items on the Agenda

Committee member Rosem opened the meeting for comments on items on the agenda.

There were no comments.

Committee member Rosem closed the meeting for comments on items on the agenda.

F. Public Comment- Items not on the Agenda

Committee member Rosem opened the meeting for comments on items not on the agenda.

Ms. Debra (Dee Lee) Benson had questions about the public being able to speak on agenda items.

Committee member Rosem 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

Committee member Geretz wanted to put the following item on the next agenda: 1) Formation and appointment of a Fundraising Subcommittee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.