

**RACE EQUITY TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 1, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL/ ACCEPT OR MODIFY MINUTES/ ACCEPT OR MODIFY AGENDA/ CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE/ CODE OF CONDUCT

6:00 PM

Present: James Friday, Brenda Fantroy-Johnson, Sue Wilmot, Savanna Rovelstad, Peggi Erickson, Kamara Blackwell, Rasham Nassar, Kirsten Hytopoulos

Agenda amended to add in "Black Lives Matter Proclamation" as #9 on the agenda and current items 9, 10, and 11 become 10, 11 and 12.

Conflict of Interest: Peggi stated that in her role as a community organizer with many groups, she sent emails from a personal account. She contacted city attorney Robby and will copy and send these emails to her city email address. She is going to go through all her other emails and do the same for those relating to the RETF.

2. SUQUAMISH ANCESTRAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Sue

3. CHECK IN – Savanna

4. WELCOMING SIGN DISCUSSION

Chris Wierzbicki and Mark Epstein from Public Works provided a presentation.

Goals and Audience: 2 Arrival points (walk on and drive on for ferry), plus 2 more (Lynwood Center and SE island)

Sign type/Graphics: Two larger, 3 smaller, Designs and styles were picked from some great designs.

Budget/Schedule: Chris and Mark will come back to our next meeting with proposal and cost estimate.

5. CITY MANAGER UPDATE

James and Brenda meet weekly with Morgan.

Brenda will attend the GARE meeting with Morgan October 19th. Joe, Rasham and Leslie are invited.

Brenda – We have broken barriers and have a better relationship. We have support from the City Council. We have a budget line item. You can sign up for a GARE portal with your city email.

Equity Lens: It is still being discussed by City Council. We have a request for a consultant. City Council is deciding whether an ad-hoc committee will be needed versus two liaisons.

Kirsten – Liaisons sit in full meetings and are advisors. An ad-hoc is RETF members and City Council members and can work on projects together. It is a joint committee. It allows us to work together outside of City Council meetings.

James – We started with nothing and we developed the RETF. We know what our needs are. This seems like an overseer on what we can and cannot do.

City Council is discussing if an ad-hoc committee is needed.

6. WORKPLAN UPDATE

A. GARE

Covered above.

B. EQUITY LENS

Covered above

C. EVENTS

Public Art: Brenda has met with Steve Rabago a collaboration with POC public art. Will send the notes to Kamara and Savanna.

Our Poetry event is still in limbo.

James will organize a rally/vigil before the election.

7. NEW MEMBER DISCUSSION

We are scheduling interviews with three candidates. We will choose from the three.

8. COUNCIL LIASON REPORT – Rasham

Rasham – We are discussing an ad-hoc committee. We had the Police Townhall meeting last night. We are discussing the equity lens and GARE trainings.

Peggi – I have a two-hour workshop ready. We could have a special study session and I would do it for free.

9. BLACK LIVES MATTER STATEMENT

Kamara prepared the proclamation to officially state that BLM is not political.

Brenda – Motion to approve it as written and send it to the City Council to be put on the agenda for approval. (Second-James)

Vote: Yes – Unanimous.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sal DeRosalia – I would like transparency and public participation. Involve the public and use the community more. It is up to the task force to involve the public as much as you can. I do not feel I'm represented by the task force. There is not a ton of transparency going on.

Ashley Matthews – Thank you for your questions of Chief Clark last night. We are all in our separate silos right now. Relay to Chief about the hate groups and what was happening that he has a reactive approach instead of more of a proactive approach. We need to feel safer before November 3rd and we are seeing chatter about hate groups. Music at rallies is traditional. I can teach songs for rallies. You should also involve art. BIMA and Bloedel.

11. GOOD OF THE ORDER

James – We Welcome comments and emails to the RETF. We have always been transparent and there is transparency through the city process of a records request.

12. ADJOURNMENT

8:15 PM

James Friday

11/5/2020

Chair

Date