

**RACE EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 4, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ACCEPT OR MODIFY MINUTES/ ACCEPT OR MODIFY AGENDA/CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE/CODE OF CONDUCT/NEW MEMBER WELCOME TO DEANNA MARTINEZ

6:00 PM

Present - REAC: James Friday, Savanna Rovelstad, Sue Wilmot, Peggi Erickson, Eric Stahl, Deanna Martinez

Liaisons: Rasham Nassar, Brenda Fantroy-Johnson

Agenda amended to replace #5 "CHECK-IN" with "PROCLAMATION" and add the subcategories "FARMERS" MARKET" and "RALLY" under #8 "EVENTS."

2. SUQUAMISH ANCESTRAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sal DeRosalia - Congratulations to Deanna. How can we get events like the MLK and Black History Month interconnected with REAC instead of separate? I feel like that is why we created REAC. I would like to see more interactions. Is there a way of submitting expenses from those two events? Can the committee submit them? I am trying to hold people accountable. I have had zero reply back and I would like someone to pay attention to me. Please reach out to me.

Peggi - I apologize for not sending out the invite for the MLK event.

4. CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

Bill Beamer - Climate Action Engagement Coordinator, Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

CCAC members : Mike Cox, Lara Hansen, Deborah Rudnick, Derik Broekhoff, David McCaughey, Councilmember Joe Deets

Bill Beamer - Portland was the first in the country to have a Climate Action Plan. In 2015 we incorporated equity into the CAP. We worked with six community organizations that serve people of color. Via a ballot measure we established the Portland Clean Energy Fund. It is a 1% surcharge on Portland businesses. It aligns priorities with community instead of government including housing, jobs, and anti-displacement.

Brenda - What are the categories of the community groups?

Bill - We have money from donors, Philanthropy Partners. We have a 1% surcharge on businesses. We use surveys for feedback.

Sue - The same funding from business during the pandemic and recovery would not work here.

Bill - The community chose the funding, and we use it for job creation, solar panels, and energy efficiency. The program is in the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. The government does not control the money. A separate committee controls the funds.

Joe - Bainbridge is different from Portland. We just passed a Climate Action Plan proposal create a Clean Energy and Building fund. A utility has control of the clean energy fund.

Lara - I would like a tool that evaluates equity and climate at the same time.

Bill - We have an equity implantation guide. Do not turn it into a checklist. The power analysis is a grid of influence vs. impact. A four quadrant square. I will follow up with an email.

James - Our community is different from Portland. Our transportation hubs on BI and Kitsap and tourism is different. Emissions on BI and hubs is tremendous. We need to figure out a solution in equity for transportation challenges. Funding from businesses is not feasible.

Bill - Reduce single occupancy vehicles : mass transit, bicycles, walkers. Get to complete electrification for city. Autonomous vehicles are in the future. Equity plays out in a downstream manner. Talk to corporations as shareholders like Uber and Lyft who operate in the area. Establish community cooperatives to own the transportation.

Mike - We need to meet again to continue this conversation.

5. PROCLAMATION

Eric - The City's current Code of Conduct might stifle discussions of race and race equity. The REAC resolution we discussed is in your email inboxes.

Unanimous vote - Approved as written.

Rasham - Next step is to have Eric submit the draft to Brenda and Rasham. It will be presented for an agenda item to be approved by the City Council.

6. SIGN UPDATE

Sue - The budget was approved for the signs by the City Council.

7. GARE RACE EQUITY TRAINING

Peggi - The GARE Annual Membership Meeting offers their Foundational training workshop on May 18th, the Tuesday before the three day meeting May 19-21. If we register people for the Annual meeting, we would get this pre-conference workshop free. This is a great way to move equity forward in government with learning common language and concepts around race equity. We can ask Brenda and Rasham to ask City Councilmembers to sign up too.

It is \$125 per person if registered by March 15th, \$175 by April 1st, \$225 by April 30th. There is a one day option for \$85. It is okay for a quorum to attend as long as we do not discuss city business. It is refundable up to a certain date. If we are not able to get in the preconference foundational training we can look into the refund process. Kamara is attending in the one free slot.

Unanimous vote: To use our budgeted training funds to register REAC members and as many people from City Council and staff as can attend for the GARE Annual Membership meeting and the preconference foundational training.

Next steps - Peggi will work with City Manager to get registrations going and Brenda and Rasham to present to Council.

8. EVENTS

A. Farmers' Market

Voted unanimous to get a booth and develop a schedule for the Farmers' Market.

B. Rally

James - We would like to form a subcommittee to schedule a series of rallies. Working with ERACE and other groups to combine forces.

Voted unanimous for a subcommittee of James, Savanna and Deanna.

Times and dates to be determined.

9. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Sue - What is the status of our two new members?

Roz - The application process closed on February 26th. We Had 11 applications.

Roz will send the applications to James, Savanna, Rasham and Brenda.

10. ADJOURNMENT

7:48 PM



James Friday, Chair 4/1/21