

**RACE EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Present: REAC members Renni Bispham, Olivia Hall, Savanna Rovelstad, Eric Stahl
Liaison: Brenda Fantroy-Johnson
Excused: Jing Fong, Lynn Beck, Peggi Erickson, Clarence Moriwaki (Liaison)
Staff: Deputy City Manager Ellen Schroer

AGENDA/MINUTES

March 2, 2023 Minutes approved. No amendments to the agenda. No conflict of interest disclosures were submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bainbridge High School Student Sia Obo discussed the BHS Global Health Club and invited the community to a Universal Health Care event, a fashion show to assist a university hospital in Rwanda. The event is on May 13 at the Lynnwood Theatre.

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND READS FOR JUSTICE REPORT

Janna Cawrse Esarey and Laura Van Dyke presented a wrap-up report of the first BI Reads for Justice community read, of the book *Stamped*. This was a grassroots effort, with community input and helpful leadership from City Manager King and Mayor Fantroy-Johnson and significant input from REAC. The community held six events attended by about 300 people over six months, with significant participation from the library, Eagle Harbor Books, and the senior center. The City presented certificates of appreciation to Jana and Laura.

EQUITY INCLUSION OFFICER UPDATE

Ellen Schroer reported over 100 applications had been received by the application deadline. Interviews to take place in early to mid-May, of between 6 and 23 candidates. Jing and Olivia have expressed interest in participating. Renni is working on proposed interview questions – REAC members should review/funnel questions to him.

POLICE-COURT FACILITY UPDATE

Both the art selection and naming processes are ongoing, with recommendations expected to City Council in late May or early June. The ad hoc naming committee has received 60 suggestions, with more expected at upcoming public meetings. It likely will recommend 3 to 5 options to the City Council for a final decision.

VACANT REAC POSITIONS

We have two current vacancies, plus Peggi's departure in May. Eric and Lynn's terms also expire at the end of June. Vacancies/applications have been posted as part of the City's recruitment for all advisory committees.

Renni discussed refining the selection process, including identifying expectations for successful candidates, an assessment rubric, and a standard list of questions to match our expectations.

WINSLOW SUBAREA PLAN UPDATE

Olivia reported on the City Council's decision to not include a REAC member on the Winslow Subarea Plan Steering Committee as previously suggested. The Winslow Subarea Plan Steering Committee is being combined into a broader steering committee considering the comprehensive plan as a whole, which will not have members from REAC or the Climate Change Advisory Committee.

