

**RACE EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 6, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Members present: Lynn Beck, Renni Bispham, Raul Camacho, Jing Fong, Olivia Hall, Caitlin Lombardi, Savanna Rovelstad, Eric Stahl.

Liaisons present: Brenda Fantroy-Johnson, Clarence Moriwaki.

MOTIONS

Motion: I move to approve the June 1, 2023 agenda.

Eric/Savanna: The motion was approved unanimously 6-0.

Motion:

Motion: I move to add introduction of new members as an item to tonight's agenda and accept the agenda as amended.

Olivia/Jing: The motion was approved as amended 6-0.

Motion: I move to accept the July 6, 2023 agenda as written.

Jing/Eric: The motion was approved as amended 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cindy Anderson raised a concern regarding BIPD liability coverage. If unlawful force and false arrests are excluded from the definition of an occurrence, then there is no coverage.

BAINBRIDGE PREPARES DRONE PROGRAM (RAKESH BHARANIA)

Rakesh Bharania and Pascal Schuback from Bainbridge Prepares introduced BP's drone program, which is in the research phase.

Rakesh is a co-lead and chief pilot of **Bainbridge Prepares' Technical Opps Team**. He has a deep history for emergency response work from 9/11 to Ukraine. He is currently the Director of Humanitarian Technology Impact at Salesforce.

Rakesh would like to partner with REAC to identify and mitigate any racial justice or equity concerns, in addition to engage in ongoing dialogue to maintain community trust and transparency and to be accountable.

Local agencies that would be involved: BIFD, US Coast Guard (search and rescue, pollution), BIPD (search and rescue), COBI Emergency Management.

Concerns about security and privacy were discussed.

- Communities of color concerns about and experience with misuse of data, lack of transparency
- Sharing data.

- If data is collected from a drone mission and released to an agency, what is their privacy policy? What is the MOU (memorandum of understanding)? There are very few security policy examples out there.

Policy and governance

- Who determines what is an emergency and non-emergency? Policy should be clear and equitable.
- What is in the public interest?
- Who is the governing body?
- What is a model of true accountability, including civilian oversight?

RECAP OF JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

Elizabeth Allum, newly appointed executive director for Bainbridge Performing Arts (BPA) presented highlights of this year's Juneteenth Celebration.

- There was warm, wonderful energy at the event.
- The celebration was quickly organized by an assortment of community partners.
- It will be bigger, bolder next year!!
- BPA is honored to sponsor the celebration and will host the event at the newly opened BPA Frank Buxton Center.

UPDATES

- Equity and Inclusion Manager, Anshu Wahi will start July 31. starting July 31.
- City Council-REAC joint training: Scott Winn will be the trainer. The four-hour trainings will be in September. There will be three separate trainings to uphold open government requirements.
- Police-court facility. The name has been selected ["Ted Spearman Justice Center"]. The commissioned exterior artwork by local artist Shawn Parks has been approved by City Council—his artist statement was powerful! (statement and visuals of art available in council packet).

Winslow Subarea Plan Engagement Synopsis Report (Olivia)

- High priorities (mobility, public transit i.e. foot ferry to Bremerton, ecological, diversity) identified in the draft report.
- COBI housing units to comply with House Bill 1220. 1940 of the 1977 new units need to be affordable and 80% AMI (area median income). NOTE: It isn't affordable, despite what the feds say, if our grocery clerks, teachers, and firefighters can't live here. Be careful about how "affordable" is defined. We can adjust the ceiling!
- Equity red flags: "Out of context development can negatively impact the existing character of Winslow." What does that mean? What assumptions are being made? What is "out of context" and what is "the existing character of Winslow"?
- In addition to groups and individuals REAC recommended, 1,400 people on the island—not including agencies—have engaged with the plan's outreach. This is a small subset. There has been a lot of effort to engage community members. We need to keep striving to do better.
- The project team is committed to using the tool kit we created. The facilitator is experienced in using GARE toolkit.
- Community visioning workshops: July 20 in-person city hall. July 26 on Zoom.

TABLING OPPORTUNITIES

*Farmer's Market: July 29, August 26, Sept. 2, 16, or 30. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Aug. 26: Eric, Lynn, Olivia, Jing, Savanna.

Sept. 16: Caitlin, Renni, Jing (maybe)

*National Night Out: 6-8 p.m., August 1 Waterfront Park. (Lynn, Brenda)

SUBCOMMITTEE PROGRESS, PLUS NEW-TERM

- A. Outreach/Engagement
- B. Finance – Savanna and Eric – Juneteenth invoices.
- C. GARE/Training –
- D. Law & Policy
- E. Strategic Plan

No reports from subcommittees. REAC will table new subcommittee discussion and assignments until the new equity and inclusion manager is on board.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

Tabled.

REAC ITEMS

REAC will meet on August 3 as scheduled.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.


Co-Chair 09/07/2023