



RACIAL EQUITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

The Racial Equity Commission met in person at City Hall, in accordance with State and Federal guidelines. The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Chair Kesha Hamilton.

ROLL CALL:

Present: L. Albarran, J. Barber, D. Hammontree, K. Hamilton, F. Dancy, J. Willis, J. Inosencio

Absent: M. Johnson Jr., K. Dickerson, D. Quinn

LAND & LABOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Read by Chair Hamilton

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Chair Hamilton asked for a motion to accept the agenda, motion made by John Willis, second by, Jacob Inosencio

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Our newest Commissioner attended today Melinda Copper

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Chair Hamilton asked for a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes for January, February, and March. Also add to Old Business, a review of the Annual Report. Motion by, David Hammontree Second by, Leticia Albarran

COMMUNITY LIAISON POLICE OFFICER REPORT:

No Report today

Guest speaker, **Cheryl Ragland GVI Project Coordinator** gave an overview of the Group Violence Intervention Project

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Most of the Committee meetings are on hold until after the “More Than Talk” Conference, May 12.

Board Development – Dates to look at for our Akron visit. May 19th and June 1st

Policy and Procedure – Met April 19th brain storming meeting.

Housing and Mobility – none



Public Communications – none

Grants – none

Education – none

Racial Equity Complaint Procedure – none

Nominations - none

City Report Update – Dealing with purchasing.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Strategic Planning Buildout – training sessions possible date Sept. 21, 6:00-8:00 pm, working on a brochure, equity seal, and staffing sub committees. City Policies reviewed each month and discussed rather we should have a yearly Meet & Greet get together. Chair Hamilton shared the statues of Michael and Katima’s positions on the Commission. Possibly inviting both, if they choose to resign from their position, to join one of the sub-committees.
- b. Update on our 1-day Conference on May 12 – Update of location for this event at Lily Missionary Baptist Church, set-up will take place on May 11 at 7:30 pm, continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Kesha reviewed the agenda for the day. Possible power point for recapping the last event. Please wear your T-shirt or button-down shirt.
- c. Motion to review our Annual Report, motion by, D. Hammontree second by, Leticia Albarran. Commissioners will send edits to David by Friday May 5. Will be submitted to the next City Council meeting for review.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **City Ordinance Sec. 15-83c** – was reviewed.
- b. A review of the City of Jackson Purchasing Manual, extreme amount of time was put into developing this manual. Look at getting the word out regarding minority vendors. Annually, ask the City Finance Department for a report.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:



David reminded us to review the Purchasing Report, John Willis gave Kudo's to the Racial Equity Commission for their work. Kesha thanked the commission.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by, Jacob Inosencio, Second by Leticia Albarran

Next Meeting: Tuesday June 6, 2023