

RACIAL EQUITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, July 11th, 2023

TIME: 4:02 p.m.

LOCATION: City Hall, 10th Floor City Council Chambers
161 W. Michigan Avenue, Jackson, MI 49201

AGENDA ITEMS:

I. Call to Order - By Chair, Kesha Hamilton

II. Roll Call - Jacqueline Barber, Kesha Hamilton, John Willis, Freddie Dancy, Leticia Rodriguez, David Hammontree

Absent: Daveda Quinn, Michael Johnson Jr., Jacob Inosencio, Katima Dickenson

III. Reading of Land & Labor Acknowledgement - Kesha Hamilton

IV. Adoption of the Agenda - Motion by, Leticia Rodriguez, Second by, John Willis

V. Citizen Comments (3-Minute Limit)

VI. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes - Motion by, John Willis, Second by, Leticia Rodriguez.

VII. Community Liaison Police Officer Report

L. P. Postma, 1 officer in the academy, 3 will start the academy in August all officers are white male and females. New Communications Specialist, Emily. Still in need of officers. Fireworks were a successful, family-orientated event. Will start reusing T Mobil phones with free service for officers.

IX. Committee Reports

- a. **Board Development Committee** - Looking for Commissioners to visit 2 museums in Alabama. Check to see what the availability is in January & February.
- b. **Policy and Procedure Committee** - Purchasing has been finished, what should David or P&P committee focus on? John suggested that P&P monitor City contracts. Kesha and David spoke to City Manager regarding subcommittee members. The Commission will have to approve, no approval is needed from City Council. Options, Zoning, Water, complaint process. Action Items - Language of the City's Ordinance Sec. 15-83.c for ex-officio's only regarding their residence. Kesha recommends that we make a motion to accept Option 1. After accepting, a recommendation will be sent to City Council for approval. Motion to accept Option 1 of Ordinance: Motion by, David Hammontree, Second by, John Willis.
- c. **Housing and Mobility Committee** - Have not met.
- d. **Public Communications Committee** -
- e. **Grants Committee** - Kesha and Jackie met with staff at Jackson Community Foundation, regarding a Communities in Action Grant (\$2000) which is not appropriate for our Commission. The Community Impact: Program & Operational Support grant would be appropriate for our Commission to apply for. The amount is up to \$20K, Funds can be used for Board Development.
- f. **Education Committee**
- g. **Racial Equity Complaint Procedure**
- h. **Nominations** - There are some applicants for nomination
- i. **City Report Update** - Nothing stood out on last month's minutes

X. Old Business

- a. **Strategic Planning Buildout** - A review of a "Raw" Racial Equity Script for a commercial. Looking for a speaker/speakers/ panel discussion for our training/video. Looking for a location for this event to take place.

Freddie will reach out to Christoff and Sons regarding their building. Kesha will reach out to Aaron D. regarding his assistance in recording the video. Kesha suggested that a meeting takes place with? This event (training session) will take place on September 21, 2023 the topic is "What is Racial Equity". RFP update, do we want to include new quotes or leave them as is? We will leave it as is.

- b. Summit Survey** - Survey was sent out with 7 questions, and eleven responded. Overall, great feedback.

XIII. New Business

XIV. Commissioner's Comments - Question regarding our Annual Report which has been submitted.

V. Adjournment - 5:09 motion by, Freddie Dancy, Second by, John Willis

Next Meeting Tuesday, August 1st, 2023