

RACIAL EQUITY COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

DATE: September 5, 2023

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

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

AGENDA ITEMS:

I. Call to Order - Chair K. Hamilton

II. Roll Call - Kesha Hamilton, Jacqueline Barber, Freddie Dancy, Daveda Quinn, Leticia Albarran Rodriguez, Jacob Inosencio, David Hammontree, John Willis
Absent - Katima Dickerson & Michael Johnson Jr.

III. Reading of Land & Labor Acknowledgement - Chair K.

Hamilton, Kesha is hoping that at each meeting, we all take turns reading the Land & Labor Acknowledgement.

IV. Adoption of the Agenda - Motion by, Jacob Inosencio with an amendment on the date, Second by, Laticia Rodriguez

V. Citizen Comments (3-Minute Limit) None

VI. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes - Motion by, Jacob Inosencio with edits to the minutes, Kesha Hamilton also with edits regarding the City Report, no report was given and the Audit interview will be with the chosen Auditor. and Second by, Jacqueline Barber.

VII. Community Liaison Police Officer Report - Deputy Chief Sergio Garcia - Back to school Scavenger Hunt, Gus Macker, Hot Air Jubilee, National Night out, Interfaith Shelter event, Pride Festival, Oasis Of Love Outreach event, applications for academy, an officer graduating this week from the academy, Down by 3 officers, 3 recruits were hired. After an officer has been hired, it takes 3 years before they are on the road. 16 volunteers available at the Labor Day Fireworks.

VIII. Committee Reports

- a. **Board Development Committee -** review of travel and hotel information for the Montgomery Alabama's trip January 26-28th. Those attending will fly out

- early Friday morning and hopefully return Sunday evening. We're hoping to see as much as we possible can, in a short amount of time. We are not checking our luggage. Discussion took place regarding our transport to and from the airports. Further review and reservations will be made. Our Mayor will be attending with us.
- b. Grants Committee** - Jacob will send me a link for a Community Foundation Grant
 - c. Policy and Procedure Committee** - Looking for a new time to meet
 - d. City Report Committee** - 5-hour meeting with several citizens comments concerning the price of Affordable housing currently in the process of being built (\$179K). Freddie shared that there will be training for purchasing one of the homes after which, the bank will work with residents who complete the training. Discussion regarding Social workers budgeted into law enforcement.
 - e. Housing and Mobility Committee** - Will meet this month (September)
 - f. Public Communications Committee** - none
 - g. Education Committee** - none
 - h. Racial Equity Complaint Procedure** -none
 - i. Nominations** - We have recommendations to talk about tonight. 7 questions were asked. Motion to place Dodi Wheeler as a subcommittee member, Motion by, Daveda, Second by Laticia. Bikash Jha was also interviewed. Motion to place Bikash (Ex officio) on as a Commissioner, Motion by, Jacob, Second by Daveda. Motion to place Chris Heydenberg as a sub committee member, Motion by, Laticia, Second by, Jacob. Becky Winn, no motion was made. Discussion took place regarding procedures for removing subcommittee members. Nanette Muntin-Whyte, no motion made. Jacqueline Barber shared that one of our committee members, Daren McClelland is interested in being a Commissioner.

IX. Old Business

- a.** Conversation on the Audit Report - Friday the 15th @ 1:00 pm, an educational Zoom meeting with Ms. Foster.
- b. Strategic Planning Buildout**
 - i.** Brochure and Commercial
 - ii.** Community Conversation Update - "Creating spaces for Equity Community: Community Outreach Forum". Panelist suggested names, John Hart, Lexi Mullican, and Dr. Felicity, we still need one more person. Ebony Worthey was suggested. 4 questions will be prepared ahead of time. This event is scheduled to take place on October 12, at Carnegie Library, 6-8:00 pm. We will talk about vendors, food etc.

The rest of the agenda items will be suspended until the next meeting.

c. City Ordinance Se. 15-83c

X. New Business

XIII. Commissioner's Comments – John shared the shooting of a young black lady (while in her car) in Florida.

XIV. Adjournment - @ 5:15 pm motion Jacob, Freddie

Next Meeting Tuesday, October 5th, 2023