SYSTEMIC RACISM REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES



January 10, 2023 at 12:00 PM

Zoom Webinar

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A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lee called the Systemic Racism Review Committee to order at 12:03p.m.

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that the City and Borough of Juneau is on Tlingit land, and wished to honor the people of this land, the Auk Kwaan and Taku Kwaan. For more than ten thousand years, Alaska Native people have been and continue to be integral to the well-being of our community. We are grateful to be in this place, a part of this community, and to honor the culture, traditions, and resilience of the Tlingit people. Gunalchéesh!

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Acting Chair Grace Lee, Ephraim Froehlich, Gail Cheney, Ivan Nance and Kelli Patterson

Absent: None

Staff/Other: Robert Barr, Adam Gottschalk, Di Cathcart, Robert Palmer, Sherri Layne

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. November 22, 2022 SRRC Minutes

Minutes approved as presented.

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

G. CONSENT AGENDA

The following ordinances were up for introduction on the consent agenda at the January 9, 2023 Regular Assembly Meeting. The SRRC checklists associated with the ordinances are in this SRRC packet. Legislation and materials associated with the legislation are located in the Assembly packet: https://juneau-ak.municodemeetings.com/

Recommended Motions:

"I move to approve the consent agenda as presented and ask for unanimous consent" OR "I move to approve the consent agenda as amended and ask for unanimous consent" [use this motion when items are pulled off consent for further discussion]

2. Legislation for Review by SRRC

Ordinance 2022-48(b) An Ordinance Related to City and Borough of Juneau Land Management Plan Duration, Restrictions, and Authority.

Ordinance 2022-06(b)(AD) An Ordinance Appropriating \$10,000,000 to the Manager for the Eaglecrest Gondola Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by an Investment from Goldbelt, Inc.

Ordinance 2022-06(b)(AE) An Ordinance Appropriating \$300,000 to the Manager for the Downtown Subport Planning Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by Port Development Fees.

Ordinance 2022-06(b)(AF) An Ordinance Transferring \$30,000 from Information Technology to Community Development for a GIS Technician.

Ordinance 2022-06(b)(AG) An Ordinance Appropriating \$93,336 to the Manager for a Grant to Travel Juneau; Funding Provided by Hotel-Bed Tax Funds.

Mr. Barr read the ordinances into the record and gave a brief synopsis of each ordinance. Mr. Froehlich flagged Ordinance 2022-48(b) pulled for further discussion.

MOTION: by Chair Lee to approve the consent agenda as amended, *hearing no objection, motion passed*.

H. LEGISLATION PULLED FROM CONSENT FOR DISCUSSION

Legislation pulled from the consent agenda during the meeting for further discussion, questions or to walk through the SRRC checklist on a particular piece of legislation.

Sample Motions:

"I move to forward Ordinance xxxx-xx (or Resolution xxxx) to the full Assembly as presented and ask for unanimous consent" or "I move the SRRC recommend to the Assembly it {fill in the recommendation} prior to taking action on proposed legislation"

Mr. Froehlich requested Ordinance 2022-48(b) pulled for further discussion.

Mr. Barr noted that Docks and Harbors used to be required to have its own land management plan and this is part of the effort to clean up code and housekeeping and require Docks and Harbors to think about their land disposal method in the same way that CBJ does land disposal. Chair Lee asked if this ordinance is to clean up and align with the broader CBJ plan. Mr. Nance commented that this is an important area of transfer of land and part of the discussion the SRRC began last month. It's appropriate that the SRRC be concerned to make sure CBJ is being as transparent as possible. Mr. Froehlich agreed with Mr. Nance and acknowledged that if CBJ is going to dispose of land it should figure out how to get that land back to the indigenous tribes in our community noting that the SRRC has flagged every land transfer for further discussion that has come before the committee. Chair Lee recommended that these comments could be part of the work session still to be scheduled. Chair Lee, walked the committee through the checklist for Ordinance 2022-48(b) for further discussion.

Mr. Nance recommended the Assembly work to publicize and specifically notify the native organizations of CBJ real estate transactions. Mr. Gottschalk summarized that any signaling out of a group, organization or tribe could violate codified legislation currently outlined within the State Constitution. Mr. Froehlich questioned if tribes as tribal governments would be exempt and therefore allowed the first right of refusal. Mr. Gottschalk will research this further and bring back his findings to the committee.

Ms. Patterson suggested the SRRC could recommend to the Assembly that it recognizes the Lands Committee doesn't' currently have anything in place to return land to indigenous people and that continues to perpetuate systemic racism without the opportunity for the original land owner to receive it back; and the SRRC sees this as a potential problem. Mr. Gottschalk will research this further and bring back his findings to the committee.

<u>MOTION</u>: by Ms. Patterson to recommend to the Assembly that as the SRRC reviewed Ordinance 2022-48(b), it noted a reoccurring issue around CBJ land disposal; by not considering first right of refusal by the indigenous people of our community the SRRC sees this as a perpetual systemic racism issue. *Hearing no objection, motion passed.*

MOTION: by Chair Lee moved to forward Ordinance 2022- to the full Assembly with the recommendation from Ms. Patterson and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objections, motion passed.*

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chair Lee reminded committee members to fill out the Doodle Poll so staff can schedule a work session. Mr. Froehlich stated it's important to have 'Wáahlaal Giidaak, as the Assembly liaison, at that work session. Staff will reach out to Waahlaal Giidaak for her availability.

J. STAFF REPORTS

Check your CBJ email account and let us know if you are unable to access it, let the clerk's know and we can request a password reset.

K. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

None

L. NEXT MEETING DATE

January 31, 2023 Regular SRRC Meeting Noon via Zoom

M. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.