

SYSTEMIC RACISM REVIEW COMMITTEE

July 27, 2021 12:00 PM

Zoom Webinar

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Worl called the Systemic Racism Review Committee Work Session to order at 12:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Lisa Worl, Dominic Branson, Gail Dabaluz, David Russell-Jensen, Grace Lee, Carla Casulucan, Kelli Patterson (joined at 12:30pm)

Absent: none

Staff: Mila Cosgrove, Adam Gottschalk, Robert Barr and Di Cathcart

Others in attendee mode: Assemblymember Loren Jones, Jeremy Hsiesh w/ KTOO

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved as presented.

A. 2021-06-22 SRRC Work Session Minutes-Draft

B. 2021-06-29 SRRC Work Session Minutes-Draft

C. 2021-07-13 SRRC Work Session Minutes-Draft

V. AGENDA TOPICS

A. Continued Work Outlining Legislation Review Criteria & Process

Included in the packet:

- Legislative Criteria Review Checklist Form v5
- Example Review Checklist Forms for Various Example Ordinances/Resolutions
- Examples of Type of CBJ Legislation that SRRC would be reviewing [Code/Non-Code Ordinances, Resolutions] from City Attorney Rob Palmer
 - Ord2019-06(E)
 - Resolution 2882
 - Resolution 2923

Chair Worl requested the committee hold the last 15-20 minutes for discussion on scheduling a future meeting with the Committee of the Whole and additional training sessions.

Chair Worl opened up the work session to discussion on the example legislation in the agenda packet, the first ordinance the committee reviewed was Ordinance 2019-06(E).

Mr. Russell-Jensen asked how the 1% for the Arts fit into Ordinance 2019-06(E). Ms. Cosgrove explained that this ordinance would not include a 1% piece since it is for runways and roadways; the 1% does come into effect when the airport is doing terminal reconstruction.

Ms. Cosgrove elaborated that non-code ordinances are typically finance ordinances, they don't change the current code of the City and they are enacted immediately vs. a code ordinance that does change the current code and goes into effect 30 days, or a time specific, after the ordinance is passed.

Mr. Russell-Jensen wondered about process, where is our role as the SRRC noting that Ordinance 2019-06(E) is straight forward but the master plan it references is a larger issue and may have some systemic implication. Ms. Cosgrove responded that all CBJ master plans go through a long review and public comment period prior to final adoption.

Ms. Cosgrove next walked the committee through example Resolution 2882. Ms. Lee asked if it was possible to get photos as a reference. It was noted by committee members there is Exhibit A attached to the resolution within the packet that includes a diagram of the area referenced in Resolution 2882.

Mr. Russell-Jensen wondered how often easements are requested and how often requests come in to purchase public property. Ms. Cosgrove let the committee know this would be discussed in one of the foundation trainings; stating you wouldn't see it on every Assembly agenda but is relatively common. An applicant typically works with the Lands Division and the request would go to the Lands, Housing and Economic Development Committee for discussion and recommendation prior to going to the full Assembly.

The committee then reviewed the final example Resolution 2923. Ms. Cosgrove walked the committee through the checklist staff section. Chair Worl asked if this resolution would be included in a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) process and do they tie into an Assembly prioritization list or is it simply taking advantage of a state grant that is available. Is this action tied into some of the overall plans within the city and does it feed into a capital improvements request? Ms. Cosgrove stated that for this particular resolution the answer would be no; however, Docks & Harbors does prioritize its projects and submit those projects into the CIP plan.

Ms. Dabaluz thanked staff for all their work in putting this information together.

Chair Worl seconded that thought and thanked the committee for all their work, review and engagement in working through this process.

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Ms. Dabaluz and Chair Worl thanked Ms. Cosgrove for all her hard work and service during this challenging year and hoped she enjoyed her retirement. Ms. Cosgrove thanked the committee for all their hard work and appreciated all they are doing; she noted it will be fun to watch how you all develop this process.

Chair Worl brought up the discussion about foundations training for the SRRC.

Ms. Cosgrove noted a deeper dive into 3 major areas might be helpful. 1. Legislation flow and committee process training to help understand big picture and will members a better expectation of things as they sit in their liaison roles of other committees they are monitoring. 2. A grounding in the CBJ Master Plans that tend to touch a lot of what CBJ does as well as the Assembly priority list. 3.

An overview of CBJ operations and how it interacts with the policy pieces. This should help give committee members the 30,000 foot level of what they are reviewing.

Mr. Russell-Jensen, appreciated all the proposed trainings and taking a deeper dive into demographics; he asked besides the census, how does the City track who is using services such as the libraries or city buses; what data can we get around that to see where there are gaps. Ms. Cosgrove thanked Mr. Russell-Jensen and said staff can touch on some of that when discussing CBJ operations during a future training. Ms. Cosgrove noted that staff having a conversation with this committee around gaps in service would be helpful. Chair Worl agreed that demographics information would be helpful in finding those gaps.

Chair Worl asked the committee if the trainings sounded helpful, no objections from the committee.

Ms. Cosgrove asked how would want the information; noting the SRRC's two noontime meetings in August. Depending on how deeply members wish to dive into issues, two to three one-hour sessions would work and as the SRRC starts to review live legislation they may end up taking a deeper dive depending on what legislation they are reviewing.

Chair Worl thought starting with a "30,000 foot view" and adding future trainings as needed would be offered as members work through legislation and watch for indicators of where members may continue to have questions on a certain topic or issue. Chair Worl asked if when the new Assembly comes on could members do additional training with them. Ms. Cosgrove explained that new Assemblymember training does happens; and it depends on how much turn over happened on the Assembly as to how long or how deep of a training dive is needed. Typically, if it's only one new Assemblymember the training is a more informal one on one process.

Chair Worl recommended for training, the committee look at legislative flow and process for August 10 training and major legislation at August 24 training and noted the committee will need to set meeting times for September at the August 10 meeting.

Chair Worl put the question to the committee to think about – do we, as a committee, add in a process to review legislation prior to it coming to us as we watch legislation move through the committees we are each assigned to tracking? It could be having CBJ staff do an initial review and flagging low, medium, high impacts or the SRRC could have a working group or subcommittee that would bring forth those thoughts to the full committee. Think about and be ready to discuss at the next meeting.

Ms. Lee noted she will not be at the August 10 meeting.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

In addition to the August 10 and August 24 training session dates, the SRRC is scheduled to meet with the Assembly Committee of the Whole on August 30 to review the final SRRC legislative checklist prior to beginning active review of upcoming CBJ legislation.

A. Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 12:00pm

B. Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 12:00pm

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the committee, meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.