

SYSTEMIC RACISM REVIEW COMMITTEE

July 13, 2021 12:00 PM

Zoom Webinar

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chair Lisa Worl, Grace Lee, Kelli Patterson, David Russell-Jensen, Gail Dabaluz, Dominic Branson and Carla Casulucan

Members Absent: None

Staff/Liaisons: Mila Cosgrove, Robert Barr, Di Cathcart, Adam Gottschalk and Assembly Liaison Christine Woll

Other Attendees: Assemblymember Loren Jones, Sherri Layne, Jill Maclean, Lacey Davis

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

V. AGENDA TOPICS

A. Continued Work Outlining Legislation Review Criteria & Process

Included in the packet:

- Legislative Criteria Review Checklist Form v4
- 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)
 - Ord2019-06(N)
 - Ord2020-02(b)
 - Resolution 2882
 - Resolution 2923

Chair Worl requested to hold the last 10 minutes of the meeting to set future meeting and additional training dates.

Incoming Deputy City Manager Robert Barr and new Assistant City Attorney Adam Gottschalk introduced themselves to the committee.

The committee recognized a few small edits that are needed on the criteria legislative review checklist.

Step 1 item a: typo [If yes, go on to the next two questions:] should be - go on to the next question:

Step 2 item b: typo, remove the (s) from results so it reads - b. What benefits may result?

Chair Worl shared a quote with the group from civil rights organizer, Kwame Ture “Is it not violent for a child to go to bed hungry in the richest country in the world? I think that is violent. But that type of violence is so institutionalized that it becomes a part of our way of life...”

The committee began reviewing ordinance 2019-06(N) as the first example and walked through the process. Chair Worl noted that some of the questions members are asking would have answers by following the legislation from the beginning vs. starting mid-stream as the committee is currently doing with the packet examples.

Ms. Lee asked how deep does the committee need to go to research an issue.

Ms. Cosgrove let the committee know staff is working on a parallel process that would follow along with any legislation the committee reviews and can flag an issue for follow-up.

Chair Worl noted that data will definitely be necessary and needed as the committee moves forward and reviews legislation. Chair Worl also shared that when reviewing the example legislation she reminds herself – what’s under the SRRC’s purview and what’s the role of our Juneau Human Rights Commission.

Chair Worl appreciated and found it helpful having the list of who was involved in reviewing and who was being notified of legislation.

Ms. Cosgrove advised the committee that even though a piece of legislation is noted as serving the city Areawide (such as with Capital Access/Capital Transit) staff could report out what areas they receiving the most calls for service from.

Chair Worl reminded members that the committee can use Step Five for adding any additional questions the committee may have that could be shared with staff and the Assembly.

The committee next reviewed Ordinance 2020-20(b). Ms. Patterson asked what brought this ordinance forward. Ms. Cosgrove stated the Manager’s Office brought Ordinance 2020-20(b) forward after having discussions with other communities that saw micro-mobility device businesses coming in overnight with no municipal process and wanted to be proactive about the concept.

Chair Worl asked committee members what information they need then applying the legislative tool and if the committee found systemic racism how do we address it.

Ms. Dabaluz asked how much advance notice will members have to review proposed CBJ legislation and when will staff provide background information for each piece of legislation.

Ms. Cosgrove thought the least amount of time would be three weeks; noting that normally there is three weeks between introduction and public hearing of legislation. A more complex topic will go through multiple committees before it goes to public hearing. Staff’s intent would be to give the committee as much time as possible. Ms. Cosgrove noted that at a previous SRRC work session the committee discussed meeting the Tuesday after an Assembly meeting to review the legislation that was introduced prior to public hearing at an upcoming Assembly meeting. Staff is developing a parallel tool to move with the legislation its background information.

Chair Worl thought for the types of legislation that have a shorter track the committee could create a working group to look at a fast track for some of the general legislation. Chair Worl agreed that it make sense to schedule SRRC meetings after an Assembly meeting and requested that if members are seeing legislation coming through the committees members are monitoring that they report back to the SRRC that the committee may need to take a deeper dive on a piece of legislation once it comes to the SRRC.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE

A. Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 12pm

Chair Worl brought forth the discussion of scheduling future meetings of the SRRC; she noted two thoughts, 1. we need some additional time to refine the legislative review checklist and 2. the committee will go live at some point soon.

Ms. Cosgrove stated that her understanding was the committee would bring its final tool back to the Assembly before going live. The next Assembly Committee of the Whole meetings are: August 9th, 30th and September 20th; due to municipal elections there will be a slight gap in Assembly meetings for October and November.

Chair Worl thanked Ms. Cosgrove for the helpful information and proposed scheduling out August 10th and 24th and look at meeting the 2nd and 4th Tuesday's of the month.

Ms. Lee is out the first 2 weeks of August and Mr. Russell-Jensen will not be available on August 10th.

Chair Worl would like to schedule some foundational meetings, such as department presentations from staff to help the committee understand CBJ organizational structure. Chair Worl will bring some informational training possibilities forward to the July 27th meeting.

MOTION: by Ms. Dabaluz to hold the next SRRC meetings on August 10th and 24th at 12:00 p.m. via zoom. ***Hearing no objections, motion passed.***

VII. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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