

SYSTEMIC RACISM REVIEW COMMITTEE

June 29, 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

Members Present: Chair Lisa Worl, Kelli Patterson, Dominic Branson (had to leave at 12:30pm), David Russell-Jensen, and Gail Dabaluz

Members Absent: Grace Lee, Carla Casulucan

Assembly Members & Staff Present: SRRC Assembly Liaison Christine Woll, City Attorney Rob Palmer, Deputy City Manager Mila Cosgrove, Deputy City Clerk Di Cathcart

Others in Attendee Mode: City Attorney Adam Gottschalk, Pablo Pena

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None, minutes were not finalized in time for inclusion in the packet prior to the meeting.

A. PLACEHOLDER: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 SRRC Minutes

B. PLACEHOLDER: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 SRRC Minutes

V. AGENDA TOPICS

A. Continued Work Outlining Legislation Review Criteria & Process

Included in the packet:

- Legislative Criteria Review Checklist Form v3
- Example Review Checklist Form for Ordinance 2019-06(Q)
- Examples of Type of CBJ Legislation that SRRC would be reviewing [Code/Non-Code Ordinances, Resolutions] from City Attorney Rob Palmer
 - Ord2019-06(AD)
 - Ord2019-06(E)
 - Ord2019-06(N)
 - Ord2019-06(Q)
 - Ord2020-02(b)
 - Resolution 2882
 - Resolution 2898

- Resolution 2923

Chair Worl noted the Assembly seemed open to the committee still working on the checklist and her sense is the committee is still a few weeks to a month out before it will feel finalized. Chair Worl opened the meeting up to discussion on version 3 of the checklist.

Ms. Patterson asked if there is a way to figure out what is specific to an ordinance we are reviewing when looking at the checklist that accompanies the draft legislation. In the example in the packet, when you click on a link it takes you through a rabbit hole of several links which becomes confusing.

Ms. Cosgrove thanked Ms. Patterson for the great question and noted, the linked ordinances are a good place to start and the Manager's Report gives a summary with the link to the ordinance being reviewed along with supporting material. Staff is trying to give committee members a sense of process. Ms. Cosgrove let members know that we could look at putting the hard copy documents into your agenda packets if that would be helpful and that staff and the committee will find our way to what level of detail the committee will wish to see as we move forward.

Chair Worl requested that under Step Two it would be good to have listed who was notified of potential changes such as key stakeholders.

Mr. Russell-Jensen commented that as members sit in on the various committees they are monitoring, members will see what public input was received.

Ms. Cosgrove shared her screen and the committee walked through the checklist.

Chair Worl asked the committee if it is helpful to have the backup documents related to the legislation they are reviewing. Ms. Dabaluz found the documents helpful. Chair Worl, noted it would be good to have a resource library for knowing where to find documents.

Chair Worl, looking at Step One on the checklist, what does the committee think, how did our tool work.

Mr. Russell-Jensen stated it might be helpful to add a space for other questions that may arise when reviewing legislation; if it doesn't have a negative impact but if it doesn't have a positive impact what are the steps forward.

MOTION: by Mr. Russell-Jensen to add in under step 5 an open space for questions or comments that the SRRC can forward to the Assembly. ***Hearing no objections, motion passed.***

Mr. Branson commented that on Step One of the example [Ord 2019-06(Q)] although both questions were a 'no' answer he would still want to know who the housing was for.

Chair Worl stated that reaching out to stakeholders would be important for her to know to make sure we are getting input on stakeholders needs.

Mr. Russell-Jensen said it could be helpful to add at the end of step 5 where questions to the Assembly would go, any dissents of the committee – did something pass unanimously or were there dissenting opinions on the committee.

Chair Worl asked the committee if they had any questions or thoughts on Step Two within the example ordinance they were reviewing.

Ms. Patterson asked, what is the committee looking at with regards to the ordinance? Are we looking at just the spending \$2 million to build the building or are we looking at who would be running it as that would be two very different questions.

Mr. Russell-Jensen asked if they would be looking at the contractor piece – is it minority owned, do

they employ women; these are questions that could be attached at the end of the checklist when given to the Assembly so they are aware and would help end systemic racism.

Ms. Dabaluz stated that looking at who the contractor would be might be getting too in the weeds since the city has federal regulations they need to follow and would already be looking at those pieces.

Mr. Palmer, said the current charge of the body is to review the legislation in front of you. As the SRRC gets more comfortable we could look at amending the charge of the committee as needed when meeting again with the Assembly.

Ms. Cosgrove thought the committee raised important questions and as the committee is seated for a longer period of time members will get more comfortable at seeing things from the beginning vs. seeing legislation at the very end of its process.

Chair Worl closed the discussion recommending that as committee members sit in the various meetings they are monitoring members can bring any questions that arise back to the SRRC for discussion.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE

A. TENTATIVE/PLACEHOLDER: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 @ Noon

The committee agreed to meet July 13, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. via zoom and added July 27, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. as an additional meeting date of the SRRC.

VII. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business of the committee, meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.