

SYSTEMIC RACISM REVIEW COMMITTEE

June 1, 2021 12:00 PM

Zoom Webinar

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chair Lisa Worl, Kelli Patterson, David Russell-Jensen, Grace Lee, Carla Casulucan

Members Absent: Dominic Branson, Gail Dabaluz

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

Other Attendees: Assemblymember Loren Jones, City Clerk Beth McEwen, City Attorney Sherri Layne, CDD Director Jill Maclean

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. 2021-05-08 SRRRC Saturday Work Session Minutes-Draft

Minutes approved as presented.

B. 2021-05-18 SRRRC Work Session Minutes-Draft

Minutes approved as presented.

V. AGENDA TOPICS

A. Continued Work Outlining Legislation Review Criteria & Process

Chair Worl opened the work session up to discussion on finalizing the legislative review criteria. Ms. Cosgrove outlined how she consolidated the material given to her by the committee and created a draft checklist if that would be helpful for the committee.

Mr. Branson is travelling but shared the following with Chair Worl: he had noted that we were on the right track and his only comment is sometimes simple, short is better, imagining that with the amount of legislation to review, the SRRRC will need to seek balance. Mr. Russell-Jensen appreciated Mr. Branson's statement.

Ms. Patterson, agree with Mr. Branson and noted the committee won't know the full extent of review until the committee begins to go through draft legislation. Ms. Lee concurred with Ms. Patterson's statement.

Chair Worl, asked the committee its thoughts on Step Two(c) [*If the legislation affects a specific census block district/neighborhood/school zone, does the affected area have a significant (>50%) non-white population?*]: where are the areas of impact, is this useful or helpful? Should it be worded differently or changed if we don't think we'd ever hit a place over 50%? Does CBJ have services that aren't tied to a neighborhood? We would want to keep this as streamline as possible.

Chair Worl also highlighted that Step Four (c & g) are similar enough that if written differently could become one item [*c. Recommend accountability measures (sunset provisions, 6 mo./annual review of impacts/implications for system racism) and g. How will the strategies be adjusted regularly to keep pace with changing community needs and racial demographics?*] the same for Step Four (f & h) [*f. What are the overall goals and outcomes? What are the specific strategies for decreasing racial inequity? How do the specific strategies work to decrease racial inequity? and h. Are there goals and measures for eliminating racial inequity? If so, what are they?*].

Mr. Russell-Jensen, appreciate the work staff did and the development of a possible spreadsheet.

Ms. Lee noted that material in the packet prior to page 12 are the consolidated ideas and suggested beginning with packet page 12 for review and comment. Ms. Lee suggested creating a standing rule that if legislation effects everyone in Juneau the committee would review it.

Mr. Russell-Jensen asked how best to break down Step Two (c) and was open to amending the 50% number.

Ms. Cosgrove explained the breakdown for schools is by elementary schools, which may or may not make sense, same with neighborhoods, is there a tie-in to low income housing and if so where are those locations and tie-ins.

Chair Worl, thanked Ms. Cosgrove for the explanation and noted that while likely not all of these breakdowns will apply it doesn't hurt for them to be there. Chair Worl asked if there is a threshold number that CBJ typically uses that the committee might not be aware of. Ms. Cosgrove said, across the board the answer would be no, CBJ tends to look at those from a neighborhood impact vs. demographic impact.

Mr. Russell-Jensen was curious on how committee can open up our work to public comment to hear from the public. Ms. Cosgrove asked if Mr. Russell-Jensen was speaking about public process for the legislative criteria itself or the public process for general legislation. Mr. Russell-Jensen, both.

Chair Worl said that once the committee has a final draft of the review criteria and have met with the Assembly for its input the SRRC could open a work session up for public comment. Once the committee is meeting regularly to review legislation there will be a standing placeholder on our agendas for public participation.

Chair Worl asked the committee if there was an interest to use the 6/15 SRRC work session as a chance to go through a practice run on the sample legislation provided by City Attorney Rob Palmer.

Assemblymember Woll advised committee members that if there is a plan on how the committee will move forward with review of legislation and a date to start that review, you could share that with the Assembly as well as including the draft legislative review criteria in the Assembly packet for the joint SRRC/Assembly meeting for June 7. Chair Worl noted that her understanding was the committee would start review in July and would like to discuss timing and process at the June 7 meeting with the Assembly. Ms. Cosgrove said the discussion with the Assembly next week would be a good time to get clarification; the Assembly would want to make sure the committee is comfortable moving forward.

Ms. Cosgrove walked the committee through an example [Ord 2019-06(AD)] legislative criteria review form, partially filled out with staff notes and asked committee members what would be helpful information to have from staff from the committee? Chair Worl requested having a note on community input would be helpful, either a link or a summary of the public input received.

Mr. Russell-Jensen said he would be comfortable moving forward with this draft criteria and moving it to the Assembly on Monday for review and figuring out how to work together with the Assembly.

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

None

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

- A. Monday, June 7, 2021 at 6pm Joint Meeting of the SRRC & Assembly Committee of the Whole**
- B. Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 12pm SRRC Work Session**
- C. Saturday, June 19, 2021 Joint SRRC & JHRC Training Session**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, meeting adjourned at 1:08 pm.