



**Reparations Committee  
Thursday, November 4, 2021  
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, G300 9:00 AM**

**AGENDA**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. **Approval of the October 7, 2021 Reparations Committee Meeting Minutes** 3 - 4  
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**4. DISCUSSION**

- A. **Restorative Housing Program Update** 5  
Staff will provide an update to the Reparations Committee on the Restorative Housing Program eligibility application process. The final day to complete the eligibility application is Friday, November 5, 2021.  
**For Discussion**  
[Restorative Housing Program Update - Attachment - Pdf](#)

**5. COMMUNICATION**

- A. **Reparations Financial Donation Report** 6 - 7

Staff recommends the Reparations Committee accepts and place on file the November 2021 Donation Report.

**For Action: Accept and Place on File**

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- B. **Reparations Donations Working Group Update** 8  
The Reparations Donations Working Group recommends the Committee accept and place and file its first meeting update.  
**For Action: Accept and Place on File**  
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- C. **Evanston Community Day Building Black Wealth Through Homeownership Workshops** 9 - 10  
Dearborn Realist Board will update the Reparations Committee on the upcoming Evanston Community Day: Building Black Wealth Through Homeownership Workshop on Saturday, December 4 from 9 a.m to 2 p.m. at Faith Temple, 1932 Dewey Ave., Evanston, IL.  
**For Action: Accept and Place on File**  
[Evanston Community Day Building Black Wealth Through Homeownership Workshops - Attachment - Pdf](#)
- D. Ppresentation by National African American Reparations Commission (NAARC)
- E. Presentation by Dearborn Realist Board

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

Reparations Committee  
Thursday, October 7th, 2021  
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, G300 9:00 AM

### **Minutes**

Present: Councilmember Peter Braithwaite, Councilmember Bobby Burns, Robin Rue Simmons, Carlis Sutton, Bonnie Lockhart, and Claire McFarland Barber

Absent: Councilmember Devon Reid

Other Present: Kimberly Richardson, Deputy City Manager; and Tasheik Kerr, Assistant to City Manager

#### **CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM**

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chair Councilmember Braithwaite.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one was present for Public Forum.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Committee member Simmons, seconded by Committee member Lockhart, to approve the minutes for the September 2, 2021 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **DISCUSSION**

##### **Reparations Financial Donation Report**

Tasheik shared that as of October 1, 2021, the City received \$26,230.29 in donations to the Reparations Fund. This represented an increase of \$100 from September. Committee member Simmons recommended the Committee send out a thank you letter to those that have made a financial donation. Committee member Lockhart mentioned conducting outreach to the community. Committee member Simmons recommended a subcommittee work on bringing awareness to donating with help from the Evanston Community Foundation. Councilmember Braithwaite recommended a donation link be added to the City newsletter.

##### **Restorative Housing Program Update**

Deputy City Manager Ms. Richardson reported that 146 individuals have applied to the Restorative Housing Program. At least 29 were ancestor applicants. There was one

person who chose none of the categories. Next week, Staff will begin compiling data and beginning the verification process.

Councilmember Braithwaite stated that the deadline for applications is November 5th. By the end of the year, the Committee would have approved all applicants. Ms. Richardson informed the Committee that as applications come in, each name would be assigned a number. The Committee would not know the names of the applicants, only the numbers. The number of applicants multiplied by \$25,000 would result in a budget for the Restorative Housing Program.

It was recommended that the Committee meet to approve the applications on November 11 and to select the applicants on November 30th. The Committee discussed various models for selecting applicants. Committee member Simmons suggested the use of a software program to conduct the random selection. Councilmember Braithwaite advised the Committee to avoid electronic systems that might be prone to glitches. Committee members Simmons and Sutton shared concerns about the perception of a lottery process. Councilmember Burns added that he is in support of a randomized, visual process. Ms. Richardson provided an overview of the selection process.

Councilmember Burns inquired whether applicants would be provided an opportunity to correct deficiencies in their application. Ms. Richardson responded that staff has been addressing those deficiencies and have followed up with individuals. As to applications that are ambiguous, staff will bring those applications to the Committee for consideration.

Councilmember Braithwaite shared concerns around predatory lenders and contractors as it pertains to senior residents. Committee member Simmons shared that workshops on this topic would be provided by the Dearborn Realtist Board at the Evanston Community Day event scheduled to be held on December 4th. Committee member Lockhart shared that the Committee should be proactive in safeguarding seniors against fraud prior to the funds being released. Committee member Barber mentioned the work the Committee would need to do to allow for autonomy while providing guidance.

#### **Adjournment**

It was moved by Committee member Barber to adjourn the meeting, second by Committee member Simmons. Meeting ended at 10:15 am.



## Memorandum

To: Members of the Reparations Committee  
From: Kimberly Richardson, Deputy City Manager  
Subject: Restorative Housing Program Update  
Date: November 4, 2021

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Recommended Action:

Staff will provide an update to the Reparations Committee on the Restorative Housing Program eligibility application process. The final day to complete the eligibility application is Friday, November 5, 2021.

Council Action:

For Discussion

Summary:

**I. Applications Submitted as of Tuesday, November 2, 2021**

Total applications: 398  
Ancestor category: 110  
Direct Descendant category: 275  
Housing Discrimination category: 2  
Other: 1

**II. Application Review Process**

Staff has begun the process of reviewing submitted applications. Due to the high number of applications to verify, staff will complete the review of Ancestor applicants first for the Committee's approval before moving to the next categories of "Direct Descendant and Housing Discrimination". This process takes two to three weeks to complete after the application close date, as a number of applicants require a follow due to incomplete or incorrect information submitted for review.



## Memorandum

To: Members of the Reparations Committee  
From: Tasheik Kerr, Assistant to the City Manager  
CC: Kimberly Richardson, Deputy City Manager  
Subject: Reparations Financial Donation Report  
  
Date: November 4, 2021

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Recommended Action:

Staff recommends the Reparations Committee accepts and place on file the November 2021 Donation Report.

Committee Action:

For Action: Accept and Place on File

Summary:

As of November 1, 2021, the City has received **\$31,410** in donations to the Reparations Fund. This represents an increase of \$5,180 from October. Fifty-eight individuals have made online donations to the Reparations Fund.

As to the 3% Cannabis Retailers' Occupation Tax on adult/recreational cannabis sales within the City, the Committee should note that per the state statute (35 ILCS 120/11), the City cannot share reasonable statistics concerning the operation of the 3% tax or share allocations received from this tax since there are fewer than 5 adult-use cannabis dispensaries in Evanston. Doing so would be a breach of confidentiality.

Attachments:

[November Donations Report](#)

Annual Totals YTD

Reclass Journal Type

Prior Year Include

Classification **Other Revenue**

Fiscal Year **2021**

	Amended Budget <b>\$0.00</b>	Revenues <b>\$31,410.29</b>	YTD Balance <b>-\$31,410.29</b>	Percent Received <b>---</b>	
Month	Budget	Amendments	Revenues	Current YTD Balance	Perce
January	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,699.00	-\$1,699.00	
February	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$325.00	-\$2,024.00	
March	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,788.01	-\$8,812.01	
April	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,912.28	-\$23,724.29	
May	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	-\$24,424.29	
June	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$585.00	-\$25,009.29	
July	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$25,309.29	
August	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$871.00	-\$26,180.29	
September	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,050.00	-\$31,230.29	
October	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$180.00	-\$31,410.29	
November	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$31,410.29	
December	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$31,410.29	
Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$31,410.29	-\$31,410.29	
Unposted Transactions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$31,410.29)	
Grand Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$31,410.29	(\$31,410.29)	





## Memorandum

To: Members of the Reparations Committee  
From: Tasheik Kerr, Assistant to the City Manager  
CC: Kimberly Richardson, Deputy City Manager  
Subject: Reparations Donations Working Group Update  
Date: November 4, 2021

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Recommended Action:

The Reparations Donations Working Group recommends the Committee accept and place and file its first meeting update.

Council Action:

For Action: Accept and Place on File

Summary:

The Reparations Donations Working Group met on Thursday, October 28 to formulate ways to increase donations to the Reparations Fund. The working group concluded that before soliciting donations it would be in the interest of the Committee to develop a report on the impacts of \$25,000 in housing support on the lives of reparations recipients. The working group will be formulating data points for study in the coming weeks.





## Memorandum

To: Members of the Reparations Committee  
From: Kimberly Richardson, Deputy City Manager  
Subject: Evanston Community Day Building Black Wealth Through Homeownership Workshops  
Date: November 4, 2021

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Recommended Action:

Dearborn Realist Board will update the Reparations Committee on the upcoming Evanston Community Day: *Building Black Wealth Through Homeownership Workshop* on Saturday, December 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Faith Temple, 1932 Dewey Ave., Evanston, IL.

Committee Action:

Accept and Place on File

Summary:

Dearborn Realist Board (DRB), The Chicago Realists. The Dearborn Realist Board is the oldest African American Real Estate Trade Association. Established in 1941, the area where African Americans resided was a community in Chicago called Dearborn which stemmed from 22nd St on the north, south to 63rd St, east to the Lake and west to Wentworth St. This area is where the founding Presidents established their office and the name Dearborn Realist Board was formed.

Attachments:

[Evanston Community Day Flyer](#)



**SAVE THE DATE**



# EVANSTON Community Day

**BUILDING BLACK WEALTH THROUGH  
Homeownership Workshops**

**SATURDAY  
December**

**4TH**

**9AM - 2PM**

Faith Temple  
1932 Dewey Ave  
Evanston, IL

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