



**Reparations Committee
Thursday, April 7, 2022
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, G300 9:00 AM**

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Staff recommends the Reparations Committee accept and place on file staff's update on the orientation (one-on-one) of first sixteen reparations beneficiaries.

For Action: Accept and Place on File

[Update on Orientation \(one-on-one\) of First Sixteen Reparations Beneficiaries - Attachment - Pdf](#)

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Staff recommends the Reparations Committee accepts and places on file staff's update on the status of the Direct Descendants' reparations applicants.

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

For Action: Accept and Place on File

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B. Special Thank You and Acknowledgment of First 16 Reparations Beneficiaries

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Reparations Committee
Thursday, March 3, 2022
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, G300 9:00 AM

Minutes

Present: Councilmember Peter Braithwaite, Councilmember Bobby Burns, Robin Rue Simmons, Carlis Sutton, Claire McFarland Barber, Councilmember Devon Reid

Absent: Bonnie Lockhart

Others Present: Tasheik Kerr, Assistant to City Manager; Audrey Thompson, Interim Parks and Recreation Director; Nicholas Cummings, Corporation Counsel

CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Chair, Councilmember Braithwaite.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Committee member Robin Rue Simmons and seconded by Committee member Claire McFarland Barber to approve the minutes for the January 13th, 2022 meeting. The motion carried (5 -0)

DISCUSSION

A. Update on Orientation (one-on-one) of First Sixteen Reparations Beneficiaries

Audrey Thompson, Interim Parks and Recreation Director, provided an update on the one-on-one meetings with nine reparation beneficiaries. Mrs. Thompson noted the vast majority of beneficiaries chose to use their funds toward home improvements. The beneficiaries were given a folder that included various housing-related programs and information on the reparations procedure. Mrs. Thompson also mentioned that additional city-related program resources were shared with the beneficiaries such as the Evanston Benefit Card, Handyman Program, and the Rebuilding Together Program. Mrs. Thompson shared that she and Rebuilding Together, a nonprofit that aid in-home repair work, secure a grant of \$20,000 from the Evanston Foundation. Grant funds would supplement the reparations funding of the reparation beneficiaries who

qualify for the rebuilding together Program. Mrs.Thompson also mentioned that two of the beneficiaries are renters, and inquired of the Committee if there were any additional resources available for those renters.

Committee member Simmons inquired about the time it takes for the disbursement of funds for those beneficiaries who elect to pay down their mortgage principal. Committee member Sutton inquired about the options available for those beneficiaries who don't own a home. Councilmember Reid noted the situations of the renters are reasons why the next phases in the reparation process need to be flexible. Committee member Simmons recommended the Committee have a broader conversation on reparations. Committee member Barber recommended informing the remaining applicants of the resources available to them rather than having them wait to find out if they are eligible for further benefits. Councilmember Braithwaite agreed with Committee member Barber and recommend sending a bulleted list with the available resources.

It was moved by Councilmember Reid and seconded by Committee member Simmons to accept and place on file staff's update on the orientation (one-on-one) of first sixteen reparations beneficiaries.

B. Staff Update Regarding Tax Implications of Reparations Benefits

Corporation Counsel, Nicholas Cummings informed the Committee that the law department hired a tax attorney to provide guidance on the tax implications of the reparations program. The law department is seeking three options from the tax attorney. The first opinion sought is in regard to the current program's tax ramifications. The second is the tax consequences of granting direct monetary benefit. The third is whether there are any tax consequences for other programs/entitlement programs like social security. Committee member Barber enquired about the firm's name. Mr. Cummings responded that the name of the firm is "Tax Law Offices Inc, and Jeff Antoine Collins is the principal. Committee member

It was moved by Councilmember Reid, seconded by Councilmember Barber, to place the staff update regarding tax implications of reparations benefits on file. The motion carried (6-0)

CONSIDERATION

Councilmember Braithwaite suggested the Committee brainstormed ways of providing resources to the renter. Councilmember Braithwaite noted there are three funding

options available. First, is the \$10 million dollars Reparations Fund (\$400,000 was allocated for the Restorative Housing Program). The second is the Reparations Stakeholders Authority of Evanston (RSAE) funding, and the \$69,400 in individual donations to the Reparations fund. Discussion ensued on the interpretation of the ordinance designating the use of the Reparations Fund. Committee member Simmons shared that it's not within the scope of the Committee to discuss outside dollars overseen by the RSAE. Committee member Barber enquired whether recipients who want to use their reparations for medication would be deemed city harm. Committee member Sutton shared that reparations are a priority and should not be only for housing.

COMMUNICATION

A. Rebuilding Together Grant

Mrs. Thompson informed the Committee of the \$20,000 grant award to Re Building Together to aid in the home repairs. This is a no-cost program for those who qualify.

B. Reparations Financial Donation Report

Ms Kerr informed the Committee that the City has received \$69,103 in donations to the Reparations Fund. It was moved by Councilmember Reid and seconded by Barber to accept and place on file the reparations Financial Donation Report.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Reid moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burns. The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 am. Motion carried (6-0).



Memorandum

To: Members of the Reparations Committee
 From: Audrey Thompson, Interim Parks & Recreation Director
 Subject: Update on Orientation (one-on-one) of First Sixteen Reparations Beneficiaries
 Date: April 7, 2022

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends the Reparations Committee accept and place on file staff's update on the orientation (one-on-one) of first sixteen reparations beneficiaries.

Committee Action:

For Action: Accept and Place on File

Summary:

Staff has completed its one-on-one meetings with the selected first sixteen reparations beneficiaries. Of the selected benefits, six beneficiaries chose Home Improvement, five beneficiaries chose a combination of Home Mortgage Assistance and Home Improvement, two beneficiaries chose Home Mortgage Assistance, one beneficiary chose Home Purchase, and two beneficiaries are undecided (See table below).

As it pertains to the disbursement of funds, the City has processed two invoices for the two beneficiaries that selected only Home Mortgage Assistance. CPAH has informed staff that for those beneficiaries that selected Home Improvement or a combination of Home Mortgage Assistance and Home Improvement, CPAH's Rehab Specialists have already conducted the home inspection meetings and are developing or reviewing the beneficiaries' scopes of work to be bid.

Ward	Selected Benefit
2	Home Mortgage Assistance and Home Improvement
2	Home Improvement
2	Home Mortgage Assistance and Home Improvement
2	Home Improvement

2	Undecided
4	Undecided
4	Home Improvement
5	Home Mortgage Assistance and Home Improvement
5	Home Mortgage Assistance and Home Improvement
5	Home Purchase
5	Home Improvement
8	Home Mortgage Assistance
8	Home Improvement
8	Home Mortgage Assistance and Home Improvement
9	Home Improvement
9	Home Mortgage Assistance



Memorandum

To: Members of the Reparations Committee
From: Tasheik Kerr, Assistant to the City Manager
Subject: Status of Direct Descendants Reparations Applicants
Date: April 7, 2022

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends the Reparations Committee accepts and places on file staff's update on the status of the Direct Descendants' reparations applicants.

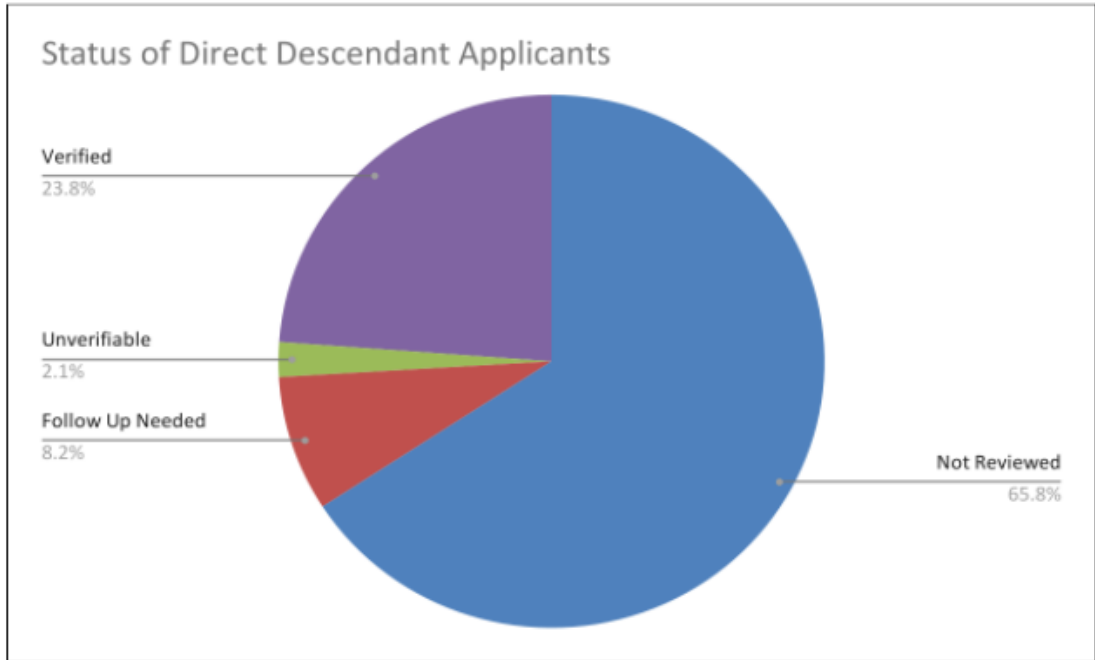
Council Action:

For Discussion

Summary:

Staff has been working to verify the Local Reparations: Restorative Housing Direct Descendants applicants. The verification process involves the confirmation of identity, age, and line of descent to the African American/Black resident that resided in Evanston between 1919 and 1969.

As of March 31, 2022, staff has reviewed 162 applicants out of 474 applicants. Of the 162 applicants reviewed, 113 applicants have been verified, 39 applicants are missing documentation, and 10 applicants are unverifiable. Once staff has completed the review of applications, staff will follow up with those applicants that are missing documentation.



Status	Number of Applications
Not Reviewed	312
Follow Up Needed	39
Unverifiable	10
Verified	113
Grand Total	474



Memorandum

To: Members of the Reparatons Committee
From: Tasheik Kerr, Assistant to the City Manager
Subject: Reparatons Financial Donation Report
Date: April 7, 2022

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends the Reparatons Committee accepts and place on file the March 2021 Donation Report.

Committee Action:

For Action: Accept and Place on File

Summary:

As of April 1, 2022, the City has received **\$69,253.79in donations** to the Reparatons Fund. This represents an increase of \$150 from March 1, 2022.

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:

[April's Donation Report](#)

Annual Totals YTD

Reclass Journal Type

Prior Year Include

Classification **Other Revenue**

Fiscal Year **2022**

	Amended Budget \$0.00	Revenues \$2,925.00	YTD Balance -\$2,925.00	Percent Received ---	
Month	Budget	Amendments	Revenues	Current YTD Balance	Perce
January	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	-\$2,500.00	
February	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$275.00	-\$2,775.00	
March	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$2,925.00	
April	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$2,925.00	
May	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$2,925.00	
June	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$2,925.00	
July	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$2,925.00	
August	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$2,925.00	
September	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$2,925.00	
October	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$2,925.00	
November	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$2,925.00	
December	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$2,925.00	
Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,925.00	-\$2,925.00	
Unposted Transactions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,925.00)	
Grand Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,925.00	(\$2,925.00)	

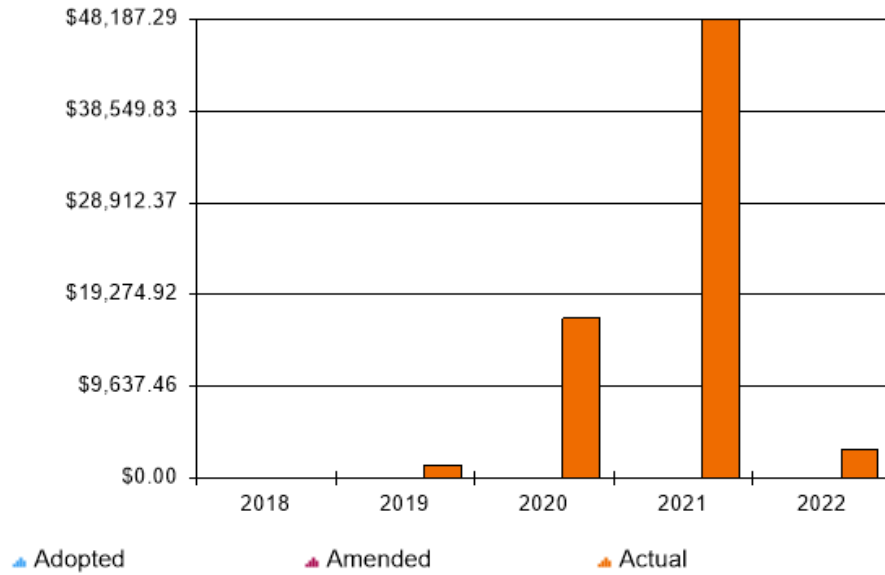


Chart By Account Prior Fiscal Year Activity Include

(REPARATIONS FUND.CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE.REPARATIONS FUND.DONATIONS)

Classification **Other Revenue**

5 Year Trend Analysis by Account



	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual	\$0.00	\$1,335.00	\$16,806.50	\$48,187.29	\$2,925.00