



City of
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MINUTES

Reparations Committee

Thursday, December 2, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, G300

**COMMITTEE MEMBER
PRESENT:**

Peter Braithwaite, Councilmember, Carlis Sutton, Committee Member, Robin Rue Simmons, Committee Member, Bonnie Lockhart, Committee Member, Claire McFarland Barber, Committee Members, and Bobby Burns, Councilmember

**COMMITTEE MEMBER
ABSENT:**

Devon Reid, Councilmember

STAFF PRESENT:

Kimberly Richardson, Deputy City Manager and Tasheik Kerr, Assistant to the City Manager; Nicholas Cummings, City Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chair/Councilmember Braithwaite.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was given.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. Approval of the November 2, 2021, Meeting Minutes

Staff recommends approval of the minutes for the Reparations Committee meeting of November 4, 2021.

Moved by Committee Members Claire McFarland Barber
Seconded by Committee Member Robin Rue Simmons

Ayes: Committee Member Robin Rue Simmons, Committee Members Claire McFarland Barber, Councilmember Peter Braithwaite, Committee Member Carlis Sutton, Committee Member Bonnie Lockhart, and Councilmember Bobby Burns

Approved 6-0 on a recorded vote

4. DISCUSSION

A. **Restorative Housing Program Update**

Ms. Kimberly Richardson provided an update to the Committee on the application review process. Of the 600+ applications received 146 applicants applied under the “Ancestors” Of the 23 “Ancestor” applicants, 13 applicants potential qualify if they submit corrected information. Committee member Lockhart stated that December 15 should be the cut-off for applicants to provide updated information to qualify. The Committee agreed with the timeline, and Ms. Richardson stated that staff will continue outreach to those individuals by email, phone, and mailed letter.

In conversation as it relates to the next steps for implementation, the committee discussed a potential partnership with Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH) to support the distribution of funds to the eligible applicants. Committee member. Ms. Richardson informed the Committee that she has been in conversation with CPAH since the City did not have the staff and resources internal to manage the distribution of funds. Committee member Simmons questioned the communications, as a number of committee members were not aware of this potential partnership. Chair Braithwaite acknowledged discussions have been ongoing, but no final action will be taken without the Committee’s opportunity to provide feedback on the process for distributing funds. Councilmember Burns also what to ensure CPAH is the right community partner and he did acknowledge that staff will additionally support.

B. **Approval of the 2022 Calendar Year Meeting Schedule for the Reparations Committee**

Approval of the 2022 calendar year meeting schedule for the Reparations Committee.

Moved by Committee Member Bonnie Lockhart

Seconded by Committee Members Claire McFarland Barber

Ayes: Committee Member Bonnie Lockhart, Committee Members Claire McFarland Barber, Councilmember Peter Braithwaite, Committee Member Carlis Sutton, Committee Member Robin Rue Simmons, and Councilmember Bobby Burns

Approved 6-0 on a recorded vote

5. **COMMUNICATION**

A. **Reparations Financial Donation Report**

Ms. Tasheik Kerr updated the Committee on the November 2021 donations report. To date, the City has received \$31,500 in donations to the Reparations Fund.

B. **Evanston Community Day: Building Black Wealth Through Homeownership Workshops**

Committee member Simmons expressed how she was excited about community wealth day. Dearborn Real Estate Realtors is sponsoring the event. A financial institution announced this year that they were offering a mortgage offer for those who are eligible. Among them will be black real estate professionals who can provide more details. The event will take place at Faith Temple Church on Saturday, December 4, and Yo Fresh Yogurt will be the food vendor.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Braithwaite at 10:03 am.