



City of
Evanston™

Reparations Subcommittee

Friday, October 23, 2020

9:15 AM

As of the result of an executive order issued by Governor J.B. Pritzker suspending in person attendance requirements for public meetings, Committee members and City staff will be participating in this meeting remotely. Due to public health concerns, residents will not be able to provide public comment in-person at the meeting.

Those wishing to make public comments at the Reparations Subcommittee Meeting may provide public comment as a video participant via Zoom. Participants are required to register in advance for this meeting via the link below. After registering, participants will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUuc-uspjltH9QnV7vzviH6NPulpcKRunkZ>

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the September 25, 2020 Meeting Minutes

3. COMMUNICATION

- A. Financial Update
- B. Education Stakeholders

4. DISCUSSION

- A. Program Development

5. NEW BUSINESS

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

6. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: November 20, 2020



Reparations Subcommittee
Friday, September 25, 2020
9:15 AM
Minutes

Alderman Peter Braithwaite motioned to suspend the rules to permit members to convene via a virtual meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Call To Order/Declaration Of A Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 9:19 a.m. by Alderman Robin Rue Simmons. Committee member Alderman Peter Braithwaite was present Alderman Ann Rainey was absent. Staff members Kimberly Richardson, Nicholas Cummings, and Tasheik Kerr were also present.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Alderman Simmons, seconded by Alderman Braithwaite, to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Communication

A. Financial Update

Tasheik announced that as of September, the Reparations Fund received \$13,308 in donations. Alderman Simmons added that donations to the Reparations fund are tax-deductible.

Alderman Simmons mentioned that the Committee continues to work to finalize a relationship with a local financial institution. The product from the financial institution would complement the compensation portion of reparations.

B. Social Equity a Licenses

Alderman Braithwaite noted the City is awaiting more information from the state as it pertains to the award of licenses. There were twenty-one licenses entered into a lottery. Alderman Braithwaite added that three Evanston based businesses did not obtain the perfect score of 252.

C. Evanston Policies directly affecting the African American Community 1900-1960s

Nicholas Cummings stated there was a memo added to the "Evanston Policies directly

affecting the African American Community 1900-1960s” document. The memo explains the rationale behind the need to look at the City of Evanston’s policies that disparately affects homeownership amongst Black Evanstonians.

Discussion

Program Development

Alderman Simmons shared that the Committee approved “the Guiding Principles and Application of the Evanston Reparations Ordinance”, developed by Judge Lionel Jean Baptiste and others, at its August 28 meeting. The document serves to institutionalize the reparations process by creating a Reparations Stakeholder Authority. Alderman Simmons noted that the document needs to align with how the City crafts its policies. Alderman Simmons recommended staff works with Judge Lionel Jean Baptiste and Dino to finalize the document before it could be advance to the City Council.

Alderman Simmons clarified that the Reparations Stakeholder Authority would function similar to a commission whereby members are appointed. There would also be standing seats from black historical institutions. The Reparations Stakeholder Authority would make recommendations to the Reparations Subcommittee who would then advance recommendations to the City Council.

Interim Assistant City Manager, Kimberly Richardson, noted that the Reparations Subcommittee is currently structured as a sunset committee instead of a standing committee. Alderman Simmons responded that since the reparations program spans ten years, the Reparations Subcommittee needs to be a standing committee. Kimberly shared that the ordinance establishing the Reparations Subcommittee needs to be revised to establish the Reparations Subcommittee as a Standing Committee. It was noted that this matter would be discussed at the next Rules Committee meeting.

New Business

Alderman Simmons noted there is a group of residents working on education as it relates to reparations. The group is led by Henry Wilkins. The group will provide an update at the next reparations meeting.

Public Comment

Bennett Johnson shared that he would like a discussion place on the agenda regarding the feasibility of setting up a private entity to carry out the functions related to reparations.

Carlis Sutton shared that the Committee should prioritize establishing a list of reparation fund recipients and the damage done to those individuals. Carlis Sutton also shared that he would like to see the process move a bit faster.

Tina Paden inquired about the verification process of black Evanstonian descendants, who would decide the recipients of the reparations funds, and when would the census be available to show how many black people still live in Evanston. Tina stated that she believes there should be checks given for reparations. Tina Paden also inquired whether the City

Attorney could exclude staff and chairpersons from receiving reparations funds.

Ndona Nyomo, of Our Village the Black Evanstonians, noted reparations have been cash payments in the past. Ndona inquired whether the City has reflected on the definition of reparations as it has been applied historically. Ndona shared that the Director of Senior Services has reached out to seniors regarding the reparations process. Ndona also inquired about the economic development aspect of reparations. Ndona suggested including health as part of the reparations process.

Adjournment

Alderman Simmons announced the next meeting would be held on October 23, 2020. It was moved by Alderman Braithwaite to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Annual Totals YTD

Reclass Journal Type

Prior Year

Classification **Other Revenue**

Fiscal Year **2020**

Amended Budget \$0.00	Revenues \$14,234.50	YTD Balance -\$14,234.50	Percent Received ---
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Month	Budget	Amendments	Revenues	Current YTD Balance	Percent Received
January	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$425.00	-\$425.00	---
February	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	-\$2,925.00	---
March	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,025.00	-\$3,950.00	---
April	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	-\$3,975.00	---
May	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,525.00	-\$5,500.00	---
June	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,496.00	-\$9,996.00	---
July	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,525.00	-\$11,521.00	---
August	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,317.50	-\$12,838.50	---
September	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	-\$12,858.50	---
October	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,376.00	-\$14,234.50	---
November	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$14,234.50	---
December	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$14,234.50	---
Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,234.50	-\$14,234.50	---
Unposted Transactions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$14,234.50)	---
Grand Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,234.50	(\$14,234.50)	---



Everyone has an assignment in our struggle for liberation and each assignment matters. Sharing information, passing policy, marching, teaching, growing, healing, serving, leading...it's going to take us all on assignment working together.

Emerald City would like take this opportunity to build and strengthen the community by making a donation to Evanston Reparations/Affordable Housing in the name of Jacob Blake. Jacob Blake was brutally shot 7 times in the back this past weekend by Kenosha police. His grandfather Rev. Jacob Blake Sr., led the fight for fair housing in Evanston throughout the 1960's and 70's and led the Ebenezer AME Church congregation. It is time to start to rebuild what is broken. We have a strong commitment to the community which includes empowering, educating, and enlightening the people. We will hold ourselves to the highest standards to meet these goals and uplift the community we serve.

We are asking PharmaCann, who have made it your stated goal to change the way people view cannabis, and become a part of the movement to change the way people view each other; to stand with Emerald City, The City of Evanston, and The Family of Jacob Blake to make a change.

Thank you for your commitment to service,

Emerald City