

Race Equity Advisory Council Meeting

Meeting notes

Date: November 19, 2020

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: MS Teams

In attendance:

Council members: Biiftuu Ibrahim Adam, Deran Cadotte, Farhia Mohamed, Johnathon McClellan, Larry Hiscock, Latasha Jennings, Sheila Webb, Tekia Jefferson

Not Present: Debjyoti Dwivedy (DD), Isaak, Rooble, Lissa Jones-Lofgren, Mahogany Ellis Crutchfield, Paul Beshah

County staff: Amy Schrempp, Angie Timmons, Chester Cooper, David Hewitt, Julia Welle Ayres, Patricia Zagaros, Randy Larson, Robert Gruba, Rosemary Levin

- 1) November Meeting Agenda approved.
Latasha Jennings moved to approve; Deran Cadotte seconded. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain
- 2) Approve October meeting notes approved.
Latasha Jennings moved to approve; Tekia Jefferson seconded. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain
- 3) Housing Domain presentation—David Hewitt, Senior Department Administrator, Housing Stability, Human Services and Julia Welle Ayres, Housing Development and Finance Division Manager, County Administration (PPT report and infographic are in Basecamp). Council members are invited to review and provide suggestions for the County funded SHIF program. Send any additional questions to Latasha. David and Julia will respond when they receive them.
- 4) Hennepin County Climate Action Plan presentation-Rosemary Lavin, Director, Energy and Environment (Public Works) Council will provide a written response to the plan.
- 5) Stipend—will be per meeting. Members can choose not to take a stipend.
- 6) Changes in Charter and Bylaws (open meeting law) approved
Motion to delete Article VII Meetings Section 5 was made by Latasha Jennings and seconded by Tekia Jefferson
9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain
- 7) Topics for next meeting: Education domain and Human Resources. Everyone read the county report to the board on racism as a public health crisis. Plan for 2021. Watch the Child Well-Being committee report board briefing on December 3 at 10 am. Link is in Basecamp.

8) Updates from committees

Climate Action Plan: Deran and DD are working on this. Had question about divesting upstream that County responded to. Will include more information in the written response.

Racism as a Public Health Crisis: Farhia and Latasha are committee chairs. Reading the report. Will engage with the committee on Basecamp.

9) Report to Board: Use the report format to create a plan for next year. Discuss in more detail at December meeting

10) Meeting Adjourned on motion by Latasha Jennings, seconded by Deran Cadotte, 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain