

Race Equity Advisory Council Meeting

Notes

Date: January 21, 2021

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: MS Teams

In attendance:

Council Members: Amani Berry, Biiftuu Ibrahim Adam, Debjyoti Dwivedy (DD), Deran Cadotte, Farhia Mohamed, Johnathon McClellan, Larry Hiscock, Latasha Jennings, Mahogany Ellis Crutchfield, Mukul Sheila Webb, Tekia Jefferson

Not Present: Paul Beshah

County Staff: Chela Guzman, Chester Cooper, Kareem Murphy, Mercy Das, Pat Zagaros, Randy Larson, Steve Voeller

- 1) New member Amani Berry introduced.
- 2) January Meeting Agenda approved.
Mahogany Ellis-Crutchfield moved to approve, Johnathon McClellan seconded. 9 Ayes, 0 nays 0 abstain.
- 3) December meeting notes approved
Deran Cadotte moved to approve, Mahogany Ellis-Crutchfield seconded. 11 Ayes, 0 nays 0 abstain
- 4) Legislative platform and process, Kareem Murphy, Director, Intergovernmental Relations
Follow up items:
 - List of bills where Hennepin is the lead sponsor—I GR will provide when it is available
 - How is existing law amended when there are unintended negative impacts?
 - Request for more information about the African American Family Preservation Act pilot at Hennepin County
- 5) Chester Cooper, Assisant County Administrator, Disparities Reduction is retiring on January 29th and wishes the Council well.

- 6) Updates from Committees
 - Child Protection—Mahogany Ellis-Crutchfield
 - Plan is to review materials received on basecamp, lay out assumptions and questions and interview community members
 - Civic Engagement—Sheila Webb
 - Interested in addressing racial injustice, want more involved community and improve their presence, increase understanding of voting and voter rights.
 - Will invite League of Women Voters to present to the Council at the next meeting about voting among BIPOC communities.
 - Will schedule a meeting with a community member—will email members directly to find time.
 - Education—Farhia Mohamed
 - Look for information on Basecamp next week.
 - Housing—Larry Hiscock
 - First meeting is on January 30th with county staff about Medicaid and housing supports.
 - Will discuss topics, structure of meetings, community input and next steps.
 - Public Safety/Justice—Latasha Jennings
 - Check Basecamp this weekend for meeting schedule.
- 7) Discussion about making Council meetings open to the public.
 - There wasn't agreement among members; discussion will continue.
- 8) Council's work
 - Annual report to the Hennepin county board of commissioners
 - Request to present report in November.
 - Report needs to be finalized and sent to county administration in early September
 - Committees must have their reports completed by July so the Chair can review and entire Council vote on it in August.

Johnathon McClellan moved to approve, seconded by Larry Hiscock. 12 Ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

 - Council wishes to meet Commissioners. Have only met two so far.
 - Council would like to hear how the REIT tool is being applied to the 2022 budget process.
- 9) Debrief of this meeting—post comments and any followup items that did not get discussed on Basecamp
- 10) Meeting adjourned on motion be Latasha Jennings, seconded by Deran Cadotte. 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.