Reparations Subcommittee  
Friday, July 24, 2020  
9:15 AM  
Join Zoom Meeting

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**AGENDA**

1. **CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM**

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

   Approval of the July 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes

3. **COMMUNICATION**

4. **DISCUSSION**

   A. Policy Remedies  
   B. Meeting Schedule  
   C. Future Town Hall

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

6. **ADJOURNMENT**
Call to Order/Declaration of a Quorum
The meeting was called to order at 9:18 a.m. by Alderman Robin Rue Simmons. Committee members Aldermen Ann Rainey and Peter Braithwaite were present. Staff members Kimberly Richardson, Nicholas Cummings, and Tasheik Kerr were also present.

Approval of Minutes
It was moved by Alderman Braithwaite, seconded by Alderman Simmons, to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Communication
Members agreed to move up communications on the Agenda.

Alderman Simmons noted that though the Committee has not yet received revenue from cannabis sales, the Committee has been receiving donations from residents. Tasheik Kerr, Management Analyst, reported that $9,446 has been donated to the Reparations Fund.

Aldermen Rainey announced that the State of Illinois has not released licenses for cannabis dispensaries. It’s predicted that the licenses would be released in September. Aldermen Rainey mentioned that as of July 1 the City has started collecting cannabis revenue from the sole cannabis store in town. The City will know how much it has collected for the first quarter in October.

Aldermen Rainey also announced that the Design and Project Review Committee (DAPR) will be meeting to discuss a transportation license that involves the renovation of a building. She also added that she plans to invite the Vice President of MedMen Cannabis Dispensary to the next reparations meeting.

DISCUSSION
A. City of Evanston Past Policies and Practices
Dino Robinson, of Shorefront Legacy Center, shared that he and Jenny Thompson, of the Evanston History Center, are working on a report regarding historical policies and practices both government and societal that have impacted Black Evanstonians. The report would comprise of materials that have been previously written and published into one document. Dino clarified that the information is not to push policy or opinion but to provide various groups in the community with information related to reparations. Dino provided a summary of the housing and zoning policies that have affected Black Evanstonians.

Nicholas Cummings, Deputy City Attorney, added that staff is still looking for specific ordinance numbers and minutes.

B. Stakeholders Reparations Authority (SRA)
Alderman Simmons noted that the Committee has received input from Judge Lionel Jean-Baptiste regarding a process for administering reparative policies with the reparations funds. Judge Lionel Jean-Baptiste’s proposal centers on the establishment of a Stakeholders Reparations Authority (SRA). This community-led authority would look at remedy policies. The SRA would bring those policies to the Subcommittee who would then decide on what should be brought to the entire City Council.

Alderman Simmons emphasized the recommendation made by the National African American Reparations Commission (NAARC) for the Subcommittee to ensure the remedy and recommendations come from the injured community. Therefore, the SRA would be made of various community members and representatives from various black organizations. Alderman Simmons noted that the SRA proposal would be introduced at a future committee meeting.

Regarding the comment made on how the diverse community would be represented through the church, Alderman Simmons responded that membership in the SRA is not limited to the church. She added that houses of worship been stewards of the black community and are a voice of the black community.

Regarding Carlis Sutton’s question about how the Committee plans to address senior homeowners, Alderman Simmons responded that the housing initiative will include efforts to support longtime residents.

As it pertains to the housing policy, Alderman Rainey added that the Committee is working with a financial institution to help design a product for homeownership and renovation. An update will be given at a future committee meeting.

C. Policy Remedies
Alderman Simmons noted staff would be working to refine the housing policy remedies. She also noted that staff would be bringing the housing preservation policy back to the
Committee. Alderman Simmons explained that the housing preservation program would include home improvements, maintenance, and preservation of vulnerable homes.

Alderman Rainey suggested changing the title of the preservation program.

Amended Meeting Schedule
Alderman Simmons recommended moving to a monthly meeting schedule to allow for enough response between meetings. It was moved by Alderman Braithwaite, seconded by Alderman Rainey to move to a monthly meeting schedule.

Kimberly announced that the next Subcommittee meeting would be held on July 24, 2020. Staff will bring back an amended schedule for the Subcommittee to approve.

Alderman Simmons announced that she has received support from a Black university law school to support the work for reparations. She also added that the Subcommittee would be working to hold another town hall.

Public Comment
Ndona Muboyayi, of Our Village the Black Evanstonians, noted the group will be presenting a letter to the Mayor and the Reparations Subcommittee. The letter would address what “Our Village the Black Evanstonians” feels reparations should be. Ndona noted that one of the concerns is about the representation of the Stakeholder Reparations Authority (SRA).

Lisa Laude-Raymond commented that the research done by Dino Robinson and Jenny Thompson was great.

Tina Paden wrote “I have lived in my same home for 50 years and my family in the same house for over 100 years. I would like to receive my check. At the beginning, Alderwoman Rue Simmons stated that she wanted everyone who qualifies to get a check, money! Those of us who have been harmed need our money now. Many seniors and those of us who already own our homes for many years are not buying homes at this time. I would like the check that you first promised us that you wanted to distribute at the beginning and presented to the Equity and Empowerment Committee and City Council. You need to determine how much each person will receive, who will get the money and when. I have many documents that show that my family has been discriminated against right here in the City of Evanston”

Adjournment
Alderman Rainey moved the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.
Reparations Subcommittee
August 28, 2020 to December 18, 2020 Meeting Schedule

The Reparations Subcommittee meets as needed. From August 2020 to December 2020 the Subcommittee will generally meet the fourth Friday of each month at 9:15 a.m.

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*Due to holiday the meeting has been rescheduled for the third Friday in the month

Note: Any changes to above meeting dates will be announced via the City of Evanston Meeting Calendar as soon as possible.