Dismantling Systemic Racism Meeting Updates

April 14, 2021

City Council Update (Craig)

The City Council approved the training plan presented by Diana Sandoval and Kenisha Lewin. The training is comprehensive anti-racist training for both the staff of the City Of Langley and for the city Council later on. Sandoval and Lewin need to develop the curriculums for the anti-racist training for the city Council and provide a bid.

Chair Update (Matt)- None

Comprehensive Plan (Kennedy)

Island County Covid Planning Committee (Irene)- Will no longer be on the County COVID Planning Committee. In its place will be participating in the County's COVID Response Inclusion Volunteer Advisory Panel Cmte with members: Carmen Nantez, Diana Sandoval, Derek Hoshiko, Larry Behrendt, Pastor Fannie Dean, Christy Korrow, and Don Mason. This committee will specifically be examining multilevel aspects of vaccination inequities in Island County. County has been putting out Spanish language information and let me know if you want to share. As well with those without computers that need to make appointments there is a process so let me know if you want to share that info.

 SWSD Education Update (Irene)- None but upcoming meeting planned.

Solidarity over Supremacy (SOS-Whidbey, formerly Reclaim the Grange) (Barbara) - An email from the steering committee on 6 April announced the campaign's change of name. The change is both a response to community input and a way to resolve a threat of legal action by the National Grange for using the word "Grange" in the original campaign name. As the email says, "We are excited that this name better conveys the objectives of community, accountability, and equity that have guided the campaign from the start. We also expect that this name allows us to continue making the broader connections to racism and oppression in South Whidbey so we can create the safe, inclusive and equitable community we long for."

The steering committee's email also encourages everyone to read a recent South Whidbey Record story on the campaign.