

City of Langley

Dismantling Systemic Racism Advisory Group

MINUTES

April 28, 2021 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

LANGLEY CITY HALL

112 2nd Street, Langley WA

Attendees

Matt Tamayo, Marcella Pendergrass, Kennedy Horstman, Irene Vernon, Harolynne Bobis, Craig Cyr, Chris Byrne, Brigid Reynolds, Barbara Schaetti, Terra Huey, Christy Korrow

1. Agenda Approval

- a. Vote: Approve 8, Reject 0, Abstain 0
- b. Decision: Top listed our 3 discussion items

2. Minutes Approval

- a. Vote: Approve 8, Reject 0, Abstain 0

3. Status Updates – Questions–

None

- a. Craig– City Council update
- b. Matt – Chair update
- c. Kennedy – Comprehensive Plan update
- d. Irene– Island County Covid Inclusion Response Advisory Panel update
- e. Irene–SWSD Education update
- f. Barbara–Solidarity over Supremacy

4. Announcements

- a. Marcella resigns. Marcella commented that at times like this, of urgency and danger, she needs to choose her battles and the “gated” community of Langley is not her battle. She stressed the difficulty of our work due to unyielding constraints from the City. As a 73 yr old Black woman she has chosen to continue to work and support the DSR but without constraints. She will be missed.
- b. Goosefoot will hold a meeting Tuesday May 4th 5:30–7:00 on affordable housing. Decision: Brigid will send a link.
- c. The Planning Advisory Board will hold an open record (virtual) public

hearings on Wednesday May 5, 2021 at 4:00 pm via ZOOM to consider public comments on the ordinance to establish Ch. 18.13, Multi-Family Infill Form Based Code.

5. For Discussion

- a. Public Comments
 - i. Discussion: Time limits, comments disclaimer, agenda change.
 - ii. Decision: Guest will have 5 minutes to talk. Irene will distribute a copy of Langley's disclaimer for approval/edits. Agenda will incorporate comment disclaimer and "public comment" will be placed between announcement and discussion. In the comment section Matt will ask attendees who want to comment to write in the chat the topic they will address.
- b. DSR Activity Report
 - i. Discussion: Document finalized and unanimously approved.
 - ii. Decision: Irene will finalize and send to Craig and Brigid to include in the upcoming City Council meeting packet.
- c. Meeting with Mayor Callison
 - i. Discussion: May 12th mtg with Mayor and Chief. Tentative opening is "you received a letter and we would like to hear your thoughts." There has been no actual communication with the Major about an official visit.
 - ii. Decision: If we meet with the Major we only want to talk with him not the Chief. Irene will include the Major on the upcoming agenda and given 10 minutes. It is up to the Mayor to contact us if he wants to talk.
- d. DSR e-mail alias follow-up; i.e. DSR's questions and concerns RE e-mail address
 - i. Discussion: Craig said more information is coming and he will add it to his report for next meeting.
- e. Website update (vision, mission, values)
 - i. Decision: vision, mission, values will be sent to Brigid to place on the website.
- f. Strategy for dealing with racist acts in local businesses, agencies, institutions
- g. Develop near term DSR goals
- h. Propose creation of sub-group/s for outstanding DSR discussion items; precedence for website update
- i. How will we work offline?
 - i. What does Brigid mean when she says communicating via email or text or google docs - anything outside a formal meeting - will cause 'our work to be thrown out'
- j. South Whidbey Record Article & Opinion
- k. Affordable Housing

- l. Arts and Culture
- m. Process for handling DSR correspondence and requests for participation
- n. Additional training recommendations

6. Closing

- a. City Council Attendee
- b. Next meeting: May 26, 2021