



City of Portland

Remote Racial Equity Steering Committee

March 4, 2021

5:00 PM

I. ZOOM Information:

- a. The Racial Equity Steering Committee will hold a meeting on Thursday March 4, 2021 at 5:00 PM. This meeting will take place remotely using Zoom.

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II. Public Comment Session

- a. Public Comment Session from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes and agenda

- a. February 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes

IV. Continued CTO Discussion

a. CTO Discussion

V. Adjourn

Re: Racial Equity Steering Committee – City of Portland

Date: February 25, 2021 (5 – 6:30pm)

Attending: Ali Abdul, Suheir Alaskari, Kate Knox, Lado Ladoka, Merita McKenzie, Peter O'Donnell, Jonathan Sarbeck (joined at 5:40pm), Louis Pickins, Pious Ali (Co-Chair), Lelia DeAndrade (Co-Chair), Dena Libner (City Manager's Office), Samaa Abdurraquib (Facilitator).

RESC Agenda 2/25/21

- Approval of meeting minutes from 2/18/21
- RESC interim report presentation debrief
- Discussion of proposals – Racial Equity Assessments and Training
- Discussion of proposals – City Contracts Proposal
- Discussion of proposals – Criminal Trespass Orders (CTOs)
- Discussion of upcoming public comment and adjourn

1. *Approval of meeting minutes from 2/18/21 (UNANIMOUS APPROVAL)*

2. *RESC Interim Report Debrief*

- Interim report presented to Council.
- Council had several questions/suggestions.
- Does language currently being used in report/discussion include Asian-Americans and other minority groups.
- Council asked RESC to consider issue of accountability for the proposal we suggest, how will Council and departments be held accountable.
- RESC agreed to integrate some accountability measures.

3. *Public Comment Reminder*

- Reminder to RESC members that public comment will occur again on March 4th.
- Request for comments is broadly structured.
- Email/written comment process is available.
- RESC members were asked to circulate invitation and encourage attendance.

4. *Racial Equity Assessments and Training – Proposal Review*

- Outreach is still being conducted on possible training partners.
- RESC members were asked to send additional training program options.
- Proposal already approved unanimously on 2/18/21.

5. *City Contracts/Housing Assistance - Proposal Review*

- Further discussion on details of housing assistance proposal – and how PMI's burden potential homeowners.
- Further clarifying discussion on drafting of house assistance for final report.

- Proposal already approved unanimously on 2/18/21.

6. Criminal Trespass Order – Proposal Review

Proposal #1 – Review and publish publicly the analyses and results of such reviews of all current outstanding criminal trespass orders from shelters, public places and private property for:

- a. Disparate impact on historically marginalized communities
- b. Those struggling with substance use or mental health diagnoses.

Proposal #2 – Review and publish publicly the analyses and results of such reviews of all the policies surrounding the issuance of CTO's, withdraw CTO's and offer social services and shelter instead.

- Discussion about the history and use of CTO's on both public and private property.
- Long standing issue before the City Council (shelter use of CTO's).
- Discussion of whether we need data, what data would be used for.
- CAHOOTS proposal may integrate with CTO issue.
- RESC members appear interested in modifying effective dates for CTO's (currently CTO's on public property are in effect for 6 months – private property in effect for 1 year).
- RESC members appear interested in considering a mandated review process during CTO effective period and/or appeal/recission process.
- CTO discussion will continue – amendments to proposal are expected at next meeting.

7. Other

RESC members raised the issue of setting priorities for proposal funding in final report to Council.

Adjournment 6:42pm.

A Proposal to Review all current outstanding CTOs and the policies surrounding the issuance of CTOs

- 1. Review and publish publicly the analyses and results of such reviews of all Current Outstanding Criminal Trespass Orders** from shelters, public places and private property for:
 - a. disparate impact on historically marginalized communities
 - b. those struggling with substance use or mental health diagnoses. [\[LD1\]](#)
- 2. Review and publish publicly the analyses and results of such reviews of all the Policies Surrounding the Issuance of CTOs, withdraw CTOs and offer social services and shelter instead**