



REMOTE RACIAL EQUITY STEERING COMMITTEE

April 15, 2021

5:00 PM

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- II. Approval of Minutes and Agenda
 - a. April 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- III. Priorities discussion
- IV. Adjourn/ Celebrate

Date: April 8, 2021

Attending: Ali Abdul, Suheir Alaskari, Kate Knox, Lado Ladoka, Merita McKenzie, Peter O'Donnell, Louis Pickens, Jonathan Sahrbeck, Pious Ali (Co Chair), Lelia DeAndrade (Co-Chair); Samaa Abdurraqib (Facilitator)

Absent:

Approved meeting minutes for April 1, 2021

The start of the meeting was delayed until 5:25 because of technology issues.

Discussion of Ali's Proposal

- Review of the introduction that is a statement of values and beliefs that motivates our work. It is really well written and reflects passion. We agreed that this would be a good introduction for the entire document of our recommendations
- The review of the following recommendations included some minor edits (word substitutions) to be reflected in the final document. Recommendation to
 - Develop a tracking system for Police Conduct and behavior. Committee approved unanimously
 - Screen police officers for personal prejudice, etc. Reviewed and approved unanimously.
 - Reduce of the responsibilities of Portland Police Force- reviewed and approved unanimously.
 - Create and fund of community public safety program to replace community policing programs. The committee discussed the trauma that the presence of militant authorities causes BIPOC people. We discussed the inequitable distribution of community policing centers (concentrated in poor communities) and recommended that the police develop alternative strategies to develop community relationships. Committee approved unanimously
 - Revision bail and fines and implement a diversion and restorative justice program and invite marginalized and BIPOC who have minor offenses to participate. Committee approved unanimously.
 - Create a city ordinance that prohibits use of criminal history questions on job and housing applications. Committee approved unanimously
 - Meet with Black Power. Committee approved unanimously

The committee agreed to review item #6 remaining from the Ladoka recommendations next week.

Adjourned 7:13