

SYSTEMIC RACISM REVIEW COMMITTEE

August 24, 2021 12:00 PM

Zoom Webinar

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Worl called the Systemic Racism Review Committee to order at 12:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Lisa Worl, Dominic Branson, Gail Dabaluz, David Russell-Jensen, Kelli Patterson, Carla Casulucan, Grace Lee

Absent: None

Staff/Other: Robert Barr, Di Cathcart, Lacey Davis, Adam Gottschalk, Assembly Liaison Christine Woll

Others in attendee mode: Jill Maclean, Sherri Layne

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved as presented.

A. 2021-08-10 SRRC Training Session Minutes-Draft

V. AGENDA TOPICS

A. Continued Foundational Training on the CBJ Organization & CBJ Master Plans

Mr. Barr opened the training with an overview of the two PowerPoints within the packet and thanked Ms. Cosgrove for creating these presentations. He then walked committee members through local government services and the various types with brief descriptions on each section: Community Services, Public Safety, Community Infrastructure & Transportation, Internal Support, and outlined which divisions/departments within the organization fall into each section.

Chair Worl noted the Juneau School District is not shown on this presentation since they set their own policy and budgets even though they receive funding through the CBJ.

Community Services

Community Services includes: CBJ Libraries, City Museum, Parks & Recreation, Youth Services, Capital Transit, Harbors, Eaglecrest Ski Area, Bartlett Regional Hospital, Planning, teen Health Center and Homelessness Coordination.

CBJ is currently working on a tourism survey and will have a place based question on the survey and are working with the consultant to see if the survey should include other questions related to demographics.

Many of the programs that CBJ provides are targeted at youth such as, youth activities programs, scholarships for youth programs, 4th graders learn to swim program, 5th graders have access to a free ski pass at Eaglecrest as well as a boards to books program through Eaglecrest for 3rd-5th graders, Zach Gordon Youth Center supports youth and oversees the BAM program in the middle schools as well as the Youth Shelter for housing homeless and run away youth and transitional housing for young adults (18-22) and the Teen Health Center in partnership with Juneau School District and other agencies has clinic space in each of the three high schools and offers free sports physicals, reproductive health and mental health counseling.

The Library and Museum both provide access to all types of media, books, music, videos, at no cost and library late fees have now been eliminated for all (youth & adults). Capital Transit, we know anecdotally, not quantitatively that, has a diverse ridership and are looking at how to gather that quantitative information. CBJ provides VIP bus passes to those who have a disability and CBJ has the Capital AKcess buses that provide services to seniors and disabled individuals.

The Homeless coordination, in partnership with shelter providers, helps manage coordinated entry which is a best practice out of Federal Housing & Urban Development (HUD) program which connects the highest level of need individuals first, to the services that are best suited to them. CBJ also provides street outreach programs, manages the summer campground, provides funding and contracts for the management of a winter warming shelter. During the pandemic the warming shelter service was extended past the typical (winter-spring) timeframe. The Assembly has provided significant financial support to Housing First and the Glory Hall for infrastructure development and Youth Housing.

Bartlett Regional Hospital (BRH) provides case management for high utilizers of BRH services and economically vulnerable populations to provide support and connect individuals with service providers within the community. BRH Behavioral Health (BH) provides mental health services in the community and Patient Financial Services connects low income patients with navigator services to help build support for patient needs.

Mr. Russell-Jensen noted that it is important to track some of the demographic data related to those services.

Public Safety Programs

Public Safety includes: Juneau Police Department (JPD), Capital City Fire & Rescue (CCFR), Emergency Medical, Criminal Prosecution, Public Defenders and Code Enforcement.

CCFR runs the CARES Program which provides sleep off services for inebriated individuals and connects those individuals with a support network. The Public Defender Program, run through the Manager's Office, represents lower income individuals who received a misdemeanor charge and are being prosecuted by the CBJ Law Department.

Community Infrastructure & Transportation

Community Infrastructure and Transportation includes: Engineering, Building Permits & Inspection, Streets, Water & Wastewater Utility, Juneau International Airport (JIA), Port, Lands & Resource Management and Housing.

The Lands and Resources Management and the Housing program work together to increase the amount of low income and workforce housing available in the community. The Assembly provided grant funding and tax abatement offsets for senior assisted living housing.

The Assembly provides grant funds to the Juneau Community Foundation which administers and distributes those grants to nonprofits providing social services, with additional funding to JAMHI Health & Wellness and Juneau Youth Services (JYS) organizations and provides financial offsets to childcare providers that includes additional funding for low income children and to assist childcare providers on funding for additional education and training for worker retention. The Assembly also

provides funding to Sealaska Heritage Institute to help support Celebration.

The CBJ Budget book is a great resource for seeing all the grants that are distributed each year.

Mr. Barr noted that additional funding was provided from State and Federal funds due to the pandemic and were distributed to local governments and agencies; there may be future funding from the State and Federal level as the pandemic continues.

Internal Support

Internal Support includes: Human Resources & Risk Management, Finance, Law (Civil), Information Services, Facilities Maintenance and Emergency Programs.

Internal resources - CBJ as an employer and CBJ Boards and Commissions. CBJ leadership strives to have a diverse workforce. A stated goal of the Assembly is to have members appointed to boards and commissions mirror community demographics.

Chair Worl thanked Mr. Barr for the presentation and appreciated having it as a reference tool for the future and reminded committee members and staff that in the future the committee would have a third presentation that discusses major area plans and documents.

Assemblymember Woll thanked Chair Worl and the committee, noting this was an educational session and she definitely learned some additional things about CBJ as an organization. Ms. Woll reported that the Finance Department is developing an interactive online tool that will allow the public to get a better idea of the budget process.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE

Future meeting dates were set by the committee for Tuesday, September 14, 2021 and Tuesday, September 28, 2021 both at 12:00pm via zoom webinar. These meetings will begin the review process of current legislation moving through the Assembly process.

A. August 30, 2021 at 6:00pm Joint Meeting of SRRC & Assembly COW

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.