



# Reparations Task Force Meeting, Tuesday, January 24th, 2023, 5:30 pm \*Hybrid Meeting\* 1/24/2023

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Reparations Task Force

Draft Minutes

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Start Time: 5:35 PM

Attendance: Pablo Bose, Rebecca Zietlow, Phet Keomanyvanh, Sydney VanTassel, Christine Hughes, Kathleen Kemp, Mark Hughes, Adam Kersch, Karla K. Roy V. Hill. Miha Longmore, Isaac, Alexander Mitchell

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2. 1. Agenda

Pablo motions to adopt the agenda, Rebecca seconds.

1. 2. Minutes

Pablo motions to approve the minutes from Dec 6, 2022, Christine seconds.

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2. 3. Public Forum

Mark Hughes shares appreciation for the task force and the work that task force has been doing. Hughes describes interest in the Reparations Task Force's scope, as well as places like Providence, California, and other municipalities doing reparations work.

1. 4. Vote for New Members and Chair

Pablo asks for updates about this agenda item. Mark describes communication from Bor Yang for Deacon Hill's nomination. Christine asks about the process of motioning for new members and chairs. Pablo describes City Council's communication about allowing new members and clarifies the process. Mark Hughes forwards a message from Bor Yang to join the task force from the Human Rights Commission in our chat and will send it via email.



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Christine makes a motion to nominate Pablo as chair, Rebecca seconds.

Christine makes a motion to nominate Roy Hill to be a member of the task force, Rebecca seconds.

Voting: 3 out of 5 confirmed Roy Hill's nomination to be a task force member; motion carries

Kathleen asks clarifying questions concerning the rules around the number of people able to approve a motion. Pablo describes the process of approving the motion. Phet describes the public process and open meeting laws, and how we can follow up on research about task forces specifically.

Kathleen asks a question about the number of members in the task force and if the task force is looking for more members. Pablo clarifies the original number of members and Belan follows up that the original resolution says 5 members: one from HRC, the Mayor's Office, another from VRJA, the Director of REIB, and another body. Pablo describes that if we moved to a different composition, we will have to bring to the city council.

Pablo will send a report out ccing Kim to City Councilmember including next steps, nomination of Deacon Hill and his nomination as chairperson.

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2. 5. Current Reparations Discussion

No comment

1. 6. Funding Discussion

Pablo describes the consultant process and the clear process of managing money. The task force now has two proposals moving forward which include Pablo's proposal to fund student research and the Richard Kemp Center's proposal. Will have to look at how relationships with the task force affect proposals. Thinking about how to continue to manage relationships with endorsing proposals through the correct approval process. The financial process will have to be managed by Kim and the REIB.

Christine describes the Richard Kemp proposal and next steps with the City Council. Pablo describes the consultant process, with the former Director of REIB's role as the facilitator in the financial process. Rebecca was also wondering about the funds for the proposals and conflicts of interest. The next course of action is to follow the proper process. Pablo estimates the amount spent on the original budget and funds available, and Belan confirms that about \$25,000 was spent, but will research about how much is left and how to move forward in the process.

Pablo discusses looking at the models of reparations itself and ensuring the remaining funds to support this work. He



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references the city council and about asking the council for more funding in the future. Christine mentions the support of Councilor Bergman and wanting to know the process for proposals.

Proposals will be published on the notes as a public document (now located in the Agenda)

Pablo will generate a report for Karen Paul and the REIB about endorsing the proposals and the task force will be looking at two other action items for the next meeting. The potential proposal is to continue the convenance research and to look into the other reparations models. REIB will ask and clarify the mechanisms for funding. This would likely be overseen by Kim and REIB.

The proposals were not warned and will be for the next meeting. We will ask Karen Paul about the process.

### 1. 7. Adjourn

Pablo motions to adjourn. Rebecca seconds.

End Time:

6:14 PM

Notetaker:

Sydney VanTassel