

African American Reparations Advisory Committee Meeting

November 8, 2021

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0:00 | MEETING COMMENCES

4:11 | AGENDA ITEM 1: ROLL CALL

Committee Secretary Juell Stewart takes roll call

13 Present, 2 Absent (James Lance Taylor; Shakeyla O'Cain)

5:36 | *Committee Secretary announces that quorum has been reached*

5:49 | AGENDA ITEM 2: FINDINGS TO ALLOW TELECONFERENCED MEETINGS UNDER CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e)

Committee Secretary notifies the Committee that under AB 361, the Commission must vote to adopt modified Brown Act teleconferencing provisions.

7:29 | *Human Rights Commission Executive Director Sheryl Davis offers clarity on the purpose of the vote*

8:22 | *Committee Member Nikcole Cunningham offers her support for continuing to hold meetings remotely*

9:28 | *Chair McDonnell opens public comment*

15:21 | *Chair McDonnell closes public comment*

16:06 | *Committee Member Anietie Ekanem proposes the **MOTION** to adopt the revised teleconferencing rules*

16:07 | *Committee Member Rev. Amos Brown concurs*

16:13 | ***MOTION** is seconded by Committee Member Gloria Berry*

16:31 | ***MOTION** to adopt revised teleconferencing rules passes through acclimation*

16:40 | AGENDA ITEM 3: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

16:55 | *Chair McDonnell opens public comment*

29:07 | *Chair McDonnell closes public comment*

29:38 | AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF OCTOBER 4 MEETING RECORDING

30:18 | *Committee Member Gloria Berry poses a question about why OEWD is not on the meeting agenda since the Committee has asked for them to present*

30:45 | *Chair McDonnell explains that OEWD Executive Director Kate Sofis had a conflict this week and was unable to attend the meeting as planned*

31:15 | *Chair McDonnell opens public comment*

32:14 | *Chair McDonnell closes public comment*

32:18 | *Chair McDonnell makes a **MOTION** to adopt October 4 meeting recording*

32:14 | **MOTION** to adopt October 4 meeting recording passes through acclamation

32:46 | AGENDA ITEM 5: CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair McDonnell explains that the Committee's leadership, along with the HRC are having discussions to establish partnerships with Derek Hamilton of the New School, Stanford University, UC Berkeley School of Policy to leverage resources and increase the Committee's capacity to engage meaningfully with the issues they've prioritized.

42:53 | *Committee Member Gloria Berry asks for meeting agendas to be available to the Committee at least 72 hours before the meeting, and adds that the meeting videos should be easily accessible and available to members of the public on the HRC website.*

44:38 | *Chair McDonnell opens public comment*

50:06 | *Chair McDonnell closes public comment*

50:43 | AGENDA ITEM 6: FILLMORE HERITAGE CENTER

Majeid Crawford from New Community Leadership Foundation, along with Pia Harris (Chair, Fillmore Merchants and Neighborhood Collaborative), Karim Mayfield (Pro Boxer, Promoter, Community Activist and Youth Mentor) and DJ Pos Red (Supabad Entertainment) present on NCLF's past involvement with the Fillmore Heritage Center and offer a vision of how the center can serve as a community hub.

1:24:12 | *Chair McDonnell opens the floor for comments and questions from Committee Members*

1:25:08 | *Committee Member Rev. Amos Brown asks the Chair to permit the public to respond to the presentation before opening up to Committee Members*

1:25:38 | *HRC Director Sheryl Davis reiterates that the body should hear public comment first out of respect for the general public's input*

1:25:56 | *Committee Secretary Juell Stewart opens the floor to public comment*

1:56:47 | *Chair McDonnell closes public comment with appreciation for the community sharing their unique perspectives. The meeting then turns to Committee discussion.*

2:42:50 | *Vice Chair Tinisch Hollins suggests retaining third party legal counsel to help leverage the Committee's resource to support not only the effort to reclaim the Heritage Center, but to use it as a catalyst to anchor spaces for Black San Francisco.*

2:49:22 | *Committee Member Gloria Berry reiterates the necessity of obtaining a plethora of space and land through the reparations process. She also moves to include the Fillmore Heritage Center in the six month report*

2:51:29 | **AGENDA ITEM 7: DECEMBER 1 REPORT REVIEW**

HRC Executive Director Sheryl Davis shares the outline for the upcoming Committee report. She tells the Committee that feedback is requested by November 15. The Committee offers feedback and suggestions on what to include in the final version.

3:12:32 | *Chair McDonnell opens public comment*

3:15:35 | *Chair McDonnell closes public comment*

3:16:00 | **MOTION** to adjourn from Committee Member Nikcole Cunningham

3:16:04 | **MOTION** is seconded by overlapping voices

3:16:30 | **MEETING ADJOURNED** by Chair McDonnell