

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
June 27, 2018

Regular meetings of the Committee of the Whole and the Race Equity Subcommittee were convened at 1:40 pm on this date.

Members Present: Andrea Jenkins (Chair), Phillippe Cunningham (Vice-Chair), Kevin Reich, Cam Gordon, Steve Fletcher, Jeremiah Ellison, Abdi Warsame, Lisa Goodman, Lisa Bender, Jeremy Schroeder, Andrew Johnson, and Linea Palmisano (Quorum - 7)

Members Absent: Alondra Cano

The Chair afforded the courtesy of the floor to meeting attendees who asked to speak on the recent shooting of Thurman Blevins by the Minneapolis Police Department, and the following persons spoke:

1. Brittany Lynch (a.k.a. Brittany Wright), 3404 Lee Ave N, Crystal
2. Dave Bicking, 4200 Cedar Ave S #1, Communities United Against Police Brutality (see additional material: [CF-2018-00007](#))
3. Corydon Nilsson, 310 4th Ave S, New North
4. King Demetrius Pendleton, 620 E 19th St, Apt F
5. Nekima Levy-Pounds
6. Jess Sundin, 2911 Park Ave, Twin Cities Coalition for Justice 4 Jamar
7. Deirdre Darovic
8. Ora Hokes, 1350 Russell Ave N
9. Curtis Avent, 530 Jenks Ave E, St Paul
10. Rachael Rivard, 530 Jenks Ave E, St Paul
11. Jonathan Mason, 4622 Oliver Ave

The Chair concluded the public comment period, and discussion ensued among the Committee Members.

The Chair afforded the courtesy of the floor to family members of Thurman Blevins, and then to Mayor Frey.

Matters listed below are hereby submitted with the following recommendations; to-wit:

1. "Racism, Rent and Real Estate: Fair Housing Reframed" event series ([2018-00763](#))

Receiving and filing a presentation on the "Racism, Rent and Real Estate: Fair Housing Reframed" local event series designed to reveal and reckon with racial disparities and discrimination in housing.

A presentation was given by Cara Letofsky, Mill City Consulting, and Cindy Booker, Sabathani Community Center.

Jenkins moved to receive and file. On voice vote, the motion passed.

2. Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma (ReCAST) Minneapolis program update ([2018-00755](#))

Receiving and filing an update on the Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma (ReCAST) Minneapolis program, a component of the City Coordinator's Division of Race and Equity.

Staff presentation by Joy Marsh Stephens, Ebony Adedayo, and Desralynn Cole, City Coordinator's Office.

The Chair afforded the courtesy of the floor to Marques Armstrong, 2901 Lyndale Ave N, who spoke in support of the work of the ReCAST team.

Jenkins moved to receive and file. On voice vote, the motion passed.

The meeting of the Race Equity Subcommittee adjourned at 3:19 pm.

3. Local government amicus brief in City of Richfield v. Law Enforcement Services ([2018-00801](#))

Authorizing the City Attorney to provide an amicus curiae brief on behalf of the City in the case pending before the Minnesota Supreme Court of the City of Richfield v. Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc. in support of transparency and accountability of law enforcement.

Staff presentation by Susan Segal, City Attorney's Office.

Jenkins moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

Reports of Committees

- Economic Development & Regulatory Services Committee ([CR-EDRS-18-00135](#))
- Housing Policy & Development Committee ([CR-HPD-18-00137](#))
- Public Health, Environment, Civil Rights, and Engagement Committee ([CR-PECE-18-00133](#))
- Public Safety & Emergency Management Committee ([CR-PSEM-18-00139](#))
- Transportation & Public Works Committee ([CR-TPW-18-00134](#))
- Ways & Means Committee ([CR-WM-18-00142](#))
- Zoning & Planning Committee ([CR-ZP-18-00138](#))
- Executive Committee ([CR-EXEC-18-00141](#))

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 4:31 pm.

Reported by Ken Dahler, Council Committee Coordinator