



## **Racial Equity Commission Meeting Agenda**

October 25, 2023

6:00 p.m. Century Center, Room 4

### **Call the Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:08p by Chair Hawkins

In attendance – Hawkins, Curry, Carter, and McWilliams – members, Councilman Foushee – council liaison and Jones-McNair – staff liaison

### **Approval September 27, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

Curry motioned to approve the minutes; McWilliams seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### **Racial Equity Action Plan Update**

Jones-McNair provided an update. The racial equity action plan has been delayed and will go before the Council in 2024. The REC expressed surprise, disappointment and felt like it was a slap in the face. They would like the interim town manager to come and introduce herself during an upcoming meeting.

Before moving to the ARPA funding discussion, several REC members asked about the status of commission and board stipend program. Jones-McNair will check on the status.

### **ARPA funding Update**

The REC discussed preliminary applicant criteria and recommendations -

Distribute funds to as many families as possible.

Determine best practice for identifying and dispensing funds. Work with County or third-party vendors.

Create family application and selection process if necessary.

Households requesting funds should be in Carrboro town limits and have at least three family members.

Families can request financial assistance up to \$1,000.

Funding should not interfere with current family allocation or services.

Families can request financial assistance for food, housing, transportation, or childcare.

When dispensing funds, allocate directly to business, vendor, organization or as a gift card.

Market program assistance if necessary and make selection on first come/first serve basis.

Curry motioned to approve the applicant criteria and recommendations, Hawkins seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

### **Unfinished items**

REC expressed concerns about vacant commission seats and discussed how to recruitment members.

### **Agenda items for the next meeting**

Member recruitment and develop 2024 calendar. The REC discussed when to have their next meeting. Carter motioned to schedule next meeting in January 2024, Curry seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

### **Adjourn**

Carter motioned to adjourn, McWilliams seconded, and the vote was unanimous at 8:05p.