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MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT

March, 2021

Pursuant to Rule 45 of the City Council Rules of Order, the Committee on Health and Human Relations submits the following Monthly Rule 45 Report for March, 2021

Date, Time &

Location of

Meeting: On March 11, 2021, at 1 P. M., the Health and Human Relations, Subcommittee on Reparations held a virtual meeting.

Attendance: The following members were present: Chairwoman Stephanie Coleman (16), Vice Chairman Vasquez (40), Sawyer (6), Harris (8), Sadlowski Garza (10), Rodriguez Sanchez (33), Martin (47), Ramirez Rosa (35), Waguespack (32), Smith (43), Hadden (49), Sigcho Lopez (25) and Cappleman (46)

The following members were absent: 0

NON-MEMBERS: Austin (34), Mitts (37), Lopez (15), Hairston (5), Rodriguez (22),



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Burnett (27), Dowell (3), and Moore (17)

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Chairwoman Coleman called a meeting to order at 1:02. Chairwoman Coleman stipulates the Subcommittee on Reparations is called to order. Pursuant to applicable law, the Chairwoman had determined that an in-person meeting was not practical or prudent. One item on the agenda is a hearing on a subject matter hearing to discuss the updates and future projects of the Subcommittee.

Chairwoman had a roll call to establish a quorum.

Chairwoman opened the floor for public comments. There were eight speakers.

1. Manson Kulubally
2. Jodie Wiederkehr
3. Barbara Baker
4. Henry Ortiz
5. Julie Lyons Doyle
6. Susanna Anthony
7. George Blakemore
8. Jane Hartford



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As the Chairwoman stated earlier, a subject matter hearing is to discuss the goals and future projects of the Subcommittee. Chairwoman Coleman commented before introducing her speakers. She introduced her guest speaker; Kamm Howard, Co-Chair of the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (N'Cobra); a Member of the National Reparations, Commission. Robin Simmons, Alderwoman of Evanston, Illinois of the 5Th Ward.

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Mr. Kamm Howard presented his PowerPoint on Reparations and stated that Dr. Willie Wilson started conversations on reparations with legislators and activists. He stated that Richard Boykin took the initiative to create a resolution and the importance of reparations. Chairman Sawyer introduced the resolution and passed City Council on September 19, 2019.

Mr. Kamm Howard stated that the Committee on Health and Human Relations held a meeting on June 4th, 2020. The meeting that took place was to have a further discussion on reparations and to speak of the three foundations of genocide, plunder, and apartheid. The first speaker was Cecile Johnson, who spoke on genocide, obesity, heart disease, and homicidal deaths. Mr. Jack McNamara spoke on plunder in which a 3-4 billion contract buying scheme lead people to be taken advantage in paying higher interest rates.

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The next speaker was Robbin Rue Simmons, Alderman of the 5th Ward, from Evanston, Illinois. She thanked Chairman Sawyer and Kamm Howard for their leadership in Reparations. Alderwoman Robbin Rue Simmons became Alderwoman in 2017 for Evanston. She was passionate about receiving fairness and equity in her community. Simmons served as the alderwoman of the 5th ward. As alderwoman, she led the passage of the United States' first government-funded reparations legislation the local reparations initiative is being funded by the first \$10 million of adult-use cannabis sales tax revenue collected by the City. The first stage of the reparations program is focused on homeownership. She suggested that to achieve reparations with other local governments, you must partner with other organizations, businesses, and entities and that you will need proper funding to provide financing.

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Chairman Sawyer thanked Alderwoman Robbin Rue Simmons for all her accomplishments and hard work in achieving reparation for the City of Evanston. Chairman Sawyer asked Kamm Howard to explain in detail what exactly reparations are; Kamm responded with the 5 components; Non-repetition if it is still ongoing, restitution paid back what is owed, compensation, satisfaction, and rehabilitation.

Vice-Chairman Vasquez stated that he is honored to be part of this Subcommittee. Alderman Brookins, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Mitts, Alderwoman Rodriguez Sanchez, Alderwoman Austin, and Alderwoman King all spoke on the reparations and thanked Chairwoman Coleman and Chairman Sawyer for their leadership.

Motion to adjourn subcommittee, so moved by Vice Chairman Vaquez at 2:45 P.M.