



Racial Equity, Inclusion and Belonging
149 Church Street
Burlington, VT 05401

Champlain Room 3rd Floor City Hall
Apr 11, 2022 05:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Reparations Task Force
Draft Minutes

Attendance: Phet Keomanyvanh, Rebecca Zietlow, Elise Guyette, Pablo Bose, Christine Kemp-Longmore, Rashad Williams, Roy V. Hill

Start time: 5:40pm

Motion to Adopt Agenda

Rebecca motioned, Elise 2nd. Agenda approved

Motion to Approve the Minutes from Wednesday July 21, 2021

<https://go.boarddocs.com/vt/burlingtonvt/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BV7RMX6E88C0#>

Pablo motioned, Rebecca 2nd. Minutes approved

Public Forum

Roy V Hill spoke of his history of being a community organizer for racial justice. Affiliated with Racial Justice Alliance and works in Fairfax with racial equity groups and scholars. Supports the Reparations Task Force efforts.

Updates from Scholars

Elise sent all her research in. Researched VT articles and Census from 1790-1940. Wrote about occupation in housing and found segregation. There was many sonnets written by black people in the newspaper throughout history.

Rashad research looked into racial covenants in Burlington. Still waiting on these property records to be finished being scanned. Once these records are complete, there is software that can be used to program and detect certain words to identify segregation.

General Discussion/Committee Updates

Next steps is to get the covenant records to complete Rashad's work and Pablo, Rashad, and Phet to discuss moving forward with implementing the software. Need to also go back to City Council how they want the Task Force to share the findings. Will it be a presentation at City Council, published, and what type of engagement will be around this? Phet will reach out to City Council to inquire. Will hold off from meeting until these items determined.

Meeting End: 7:06pm

Minutes by Phet Keomanyvanh, REIB



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