



Social Equity and Racial Justice Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

ASHLAND SOCIAL EQUITY AND RACIAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, June 5, 2025

Siskiyou Room - 51 Winburn Way - 4:30-6:00PM

<https://zoom.us/j/98876055861>

Note: Agenda updated 6.5.2025 to include requested Zoom link

I. Call to Order and Welcome

1. Land Acknowledgment - We acknowledge and honor the aboriginal people on whose ancestral homelands we work -the Ikirakutsum Band of the Shasta Nation, as well as the diverse and vibrant Native communities who make their home here today. We denounce the egregious acts of the colonizers and government and recognize the horrific impacts that still exist today. We honor the first stewards in the Rogue Valley and the lands we love and depend on: Tribes with ancestral lands in and surrounding the geography of the Ashland Watershed include the original past, present and future indigenous inhabitants of the Shasta, Takelma and Athabaskan people. We also recognize and acknowledge the Shasta village of K'wakhakha - "Where the Crow Lights" - that is now the Ashland City Plaza
2. Labor Acknowledgment -We also pause to recognize and acknowledge the labor upon which our country, state, and institutions are built. We remember that our country is built on the labor of enslaved people who were kidnapped and brought to the U.S. from the African continent and recognize the continued contribution of their survivors. We also acknowledge all immigrant labor, including voluntary, involuntary, trafficked, forced, and undocumented peoples who contributed to the building of the country and continue to serve within our labor force. We acknowledge all unpaid care-giving labor. To the people who contributed this immeasurable work and their descendants, we acknowledge their indelible mark on the space in which we gather today. It is our collective responsibility to critically examine these histories, to repair harm, and to honor, protect, and sustain their contribution to our society

II. Approval of Minutes from 5.1.2025 Meeting

1. Approval of minutes from the 5.1.2025 SERJAC meeting

III. Public Forum

IV. Announcements and Events

1. Monday, June 16, 2025 City Council Study Session - City Council is scheduled to receive an update from HR director regarding implementation of DEI assessment recommendations.
*Update - other Council Study Session needs may push this item - City Manager will provide a memo regarding this change.
2. Playwrights walk plaque unveiling honoring Lorraine Hansberry and Black Lives in partnership with Public Arts Advisory Committee at Railroad Park on June 22, 2025 at 2pm
3. Next SERJAC meeting will be Thursday July 10, 2025 from 4:30-6:00 PM in the Otte-Peterson Conference room at the Grove (1195 East Main St.)
4. June is Pride Month
5. Juneteenth 2025 - BASE (Black Alliance Social Events) is hosting a 'Celebrate Freedom' event Saturday June 21, 2025 11am-8pm in Pear Blossom Park at 312 E. 4th Street in Medford (See agenda packet)

V. Liaison Updates and Reports





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1. Current liaison assignments:
Greenspan – Planning Commission
Tyler – Climate and Energy Policy Advisory Committee
Sage – Historic Preservation Advisory Committee
Preskenis – Transportation Advisory Committee
Simon – Public Arts Advisory Committee
Mendel – Housing and Human Services Advisory Committee
2. Brief update on DEI Climate Survey

VI. New Business

1. Round table by members for ideas or issues in the community

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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