



Social Equity and Racial Justice Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

ASHLAND SOCIAL EQUITY AND RACIAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, September 4, 2025

Siskiyou Room - 51 Winburn Way - 4:30pm

***Note: Agenda and packet updated on 9.3.2025 to include the thank-you letter under 'New Business'**

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 caregiving 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

1. Approval of minutes from the 8.7.2025 regular meeting

III. Special Presentation - Micah BlackLight - Ancestor's Future: Crystallizing Our Call

1. [Ancestor's Future: Crystallizing Our Call: https://ashlandparksfoundation.org/crystallizing-our-call/](https://ashlandparksfoundation.org/crystallizing-our-call/)
2. Presentation

IV. Public Forum

V. Liaison Updates and Reports

1. Update from 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
Smith -- Parks

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Belonging Survey - Update from subcommittee and committee discussion on use
2. Community Center and Pioneer Hall Park's Fees discussion



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3. Collaboration with Housing and Human Services Advisory Committee on the Equitable Housing Plan

VII. New Business

1. Rescheduling October's Regularly Scheduled Meeting - Conflict with Yom Kippur
2. Thank you letter to the editor of the Sneak Preview

VIII. Announcements and Events

1. BASE Comedy Jam - September 5 - 7:00-11:--PM at The Historic Holly Theatre - 226 W. 6th St., Medford Oregon: <https://baseoregon.org/event/base-comedy-jam/>
2. Ashland Sunrise Project's *Get Into Action* - September 8, 2025 - 5:30-7:00PM Ashland Public Library <https://ashlandtogether.org/event/into-action/>

IX. Adjournment

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