



Social Equity and Racial Justice Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

ASHLAND SOCIAL EQUITY AND RACIAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, January 8, 2026

Otte-Peterson Conference Room at the Grove - 1195 E. Main Street

4:30-6:00PM

I. Call to Order

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 12.4.2025 Meeting

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III. Public Forum

IV. Unfinished Business

1. Update regarding 2025 accomplishments and 2026 workplan presentation to Council
2. SERJAC Social Event - ideas for discussion and planning
3. Belonging Survey - Status update, discussion, and next steps
 - A. The Belonging Survey is Live - [Here is the link](#)

V. Liaison Updates and Reports

1. Update from current liaison assignments:
Greenspan – Planning Commission
Tyler – Climate and Energy Policy Advisory Committee
Preskenis – Transportation Advisory Committee
Simon – Public Arts Advisory Committee
Mendel – Housing and Human Services Advisory Committee
Smith -- Parks
2. Update from ELEA subcommittee



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VI. New Business

1. Pioneer Hall - Discussion regarding equitable use
2. Discussion - regional ICE activity - should SERJAC issue any recommendations to Council?

VII. Ongoing or Future Items for Consideration

1. Equitable Housing Plan working group

VIII. Announcements and Events

1. **Town Hall Tour - U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley**
January 11, 2026
Ashland High School Gymnasium
201 S. Mountain Ave.
[More information from Ashland.News](#)
2. **Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration**
January 19, 2026 Doors open at 11:30
Historic Ashland Armory / Ashland Plaza
208 Oak Street / Ashland Plaza
[Here is more information from Ashland Together](#)
3. **Town Hall - City of Ashland 2026**
January 21, 2026 5:30-7:00PM
Ashland High School Theatre
201 S. Mountain Ave.
[More information from City of Ashland](#)
4. **Building New Attainable Housing: Obstacles and Opportunities**
January 25, 2:00-3:30pm
Mountain Avenue Theater
Ashland High School
201 S. Mountain Ave.
[Here is more information from Ashland Together](#)
5. **BASE Second Annual Fundraising Gala**
February 28, 2026 6:00-9:00 PM
Ashland Hills Hotel
2525 Ashland Street
[Here is more information from Ashland Together](#)

IX. Adjournment

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