



Social Equity and Racial Justice Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

ASHLAND SOCIAL EQUITY AND RACIAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, March 5, 2026

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

NOTE: Agenda updated on 3.3.2026 to include additional agenda items

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 2.5.2026 Meeting

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III. Public Forum

IV. Unfinished Business

1. Regional ICE activity - should SERJAC issue recommendation to Council? (Tyler - 5 min.)
 - A. Current resources from City of Ashland website:
<https://ashlandoregon.gov/1168/Immigration-Resources>
2. Committee recruitment and liaison assignments (15 min.)

V. Liaison Updates and Reports

1. Update from current liaison assignments:
Greenspan – Planning Commission
Tyler – Climate and Energy Policy Advisory Committee
Simon – Public Arts Advisory Committee
Mendel – Housing and Human Services Advisory Committee (5 min.)
Smith -- Parks
Mendel -- CoCoConvo (10 min.)
2. Update on Land Justice: Tribal Voices on Land Back panel held 2.19.26 (Gooden - 5 min.)
[Here is a link to the recording of the panel discussion.](#)



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3. Ashland Sunrise Project - Getting Into Action (Tyler 5 min.)
[Here is a link to the Ashland Sunrise Project](#)

VI. New Business

VII. Ongoing or Future Items for Consideration

1. ELEA Working Group (Simon and Smith)
2. Belonging Survey - Results, analysis, etc. (Smith - 30 minutes)
3. Equitable Housing Plan Working Group

VIII. Announcements and Events

1. **Choosing Courage**
Wednesday, April 8, 2026 @ 6:30-8:00pm
SOU Recital Hall
450 S. Mountain Ave.
[Here is more information from Ashland Together](#)

IX. Adjournment to April 2, 2026 Meeting

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