



Social Equity and Racial Justice Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

ASHLAND SOCIAL EQUITY AND RACIAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, May 7, 2026

4:30 - 6:00 p.m. - Siskiyou Room - 51 Winburn Way

To attend via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/94962946476>

NOTE: Agenda updated on 5.6.2027 to include additional agenda items and to provide for electronic attendance as requested

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 4.9.2026 Meeting

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III. Public Forum

IV. Unfinished Business

1. Regional ICE activity: review of updated resources posted on City of Ashland website (Gooden - 5 min.)
 - A. Here is a link to the updated [Immigration Resources Page](#) on the City of Ashland website (Discussion - 10 minutes)

V. Liaison Updates and Reports

1. Update from current liaison assignments:
Greenspan – Planning Commission
Tyler – Transportation Advisory Committee
Simon – Public Arts Advisory Committee



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Mendel – Housing and Human Services Advisory Committee (5-10 min.)
Smith -- Parks
Greenspan -- CoCoConvo (5 min.)

VI. New Business

1. Committee Organization

VII. Ongoing or Future Items for Consideration

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

VIII. Announcements and Events

1. May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
2. **Say Their Names Vigil at Wesley Hall**
Saturday May 23, 2026
7:00 pm at Wesley Hall (behind Methodist Church)
175 North Main at Laurel
RSVP by 5/19/26 at info@ashland sunrise project.com

SAY THEIR NAMES CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

First in a series of candlelight vigils leading up to the unveiling of

**Micah
Blacklight's
sculpture**

**Ancestor's
Future:
Crystallizing
Our Call**



which stores the names from the Say Their Names Tee-Shirts
previously adorning Railroad Park.

Each vigil will honor a portion of the names
while creating space for their stories.

7 pm Saturday 23 May 2026
Wesley Hall (behind Methodist Church)
175 North Main at Laurel, Ashland

All Are Welcome

Event features stories of harm that may trigger or not be suitable for all ages.



Hosts: Ashland Sunrise Project
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Partners: Oregon Remembrance Project,
Micah Blacklight, Black Alliance & Social
Empowerment (BASE Southern Oregon)

IX. Adjournment



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