



# Social Equity and Racial Justice Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

ASHLAND SOCIAL EQUITY AND RACIAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, July 9, 2026

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

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Note: Agenda updated on 7.9.2026 to include additional discussion item under '*Unfinished Business*'

## 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 6.4.2026 Meeting and 6.11.2026 Special Meetings

1. Approval of minutes from the meeting on 6.4.2026
2. Approval of minutes from the special meeting on 6.11.2026

## III. Public Forum

## IV. Unfinished Business

1. Belonging Survey - progress update on survey results (Smith and Polanco)
2. Discussion: Regional ICE presence

## V. Liaison Updates and Reports

1. Update from current liaison assignments:  
Greenspan – Planning Commission  
Tyler – Transportation Advisory Committee  
Simon – Public Arts Advisory Committee  
Mendel – Housing and Human Services Advisory Committee  
Smith -- Parks  
Polanco - (unassigned)  
CoCoConvo - Mendel (5 min.)

## VI. New Business

1. Equitable Housing Plan Working Group (pending formation with HHSAC - update from Mendel)



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## VII. Ongoing or Future Items for Consideration

1. ELEA Working Group

## VIII. Announcements and Events

1. Playwright's Walk update

## IX. Adjournment

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