

ANC 3/4G RAISE Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: September 25

Time: 7:00 PM – 8:10 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting

Facilitators: Karrenthya Simmons & Libby Martin (Co-Chairs)

1. Meeting Schedule Update

- Committee agreed to shift regular meetings from the third Tuesday to the third Thursday of each month.
- Karrenthya will send updated dates and request Bruce to update the ANC website.

2. Welcome & Introductions

- New and returning members introduced themselves, sharing backgrounds and reasons for joining.

3. Overview of RASE Committee History & Mission

- Lisa Gore presented the committee's origin from the ANC Task Force on Racism.
- RASE provides recommendations to the ANC through a racial and social equity lens.
- RASE also collaborates with DC's Office of Racial Equity and other community organizations.

4. Highlights of Past RASE Committee Work

- Initial subcommittees: Housing, Community, Education & Mental Health.
- Advocacy for equitable use of Military Road School.
- Partnerships with Empower DC, Neighbor Northwest Village, FreeDC, and Historic Chevy Chase DC.
- Promotion of Undesigned the Red Line exhibit and Windows 250 Project.
- Recommendations on Civic Core planning and housing equity.

5. Education Recommendations Presentation

- Cal presented five key recommendations from the Education & Mental Health Working Group:
 - 1. Equalizing Community-Driven School Financing.
 - 2. Deepening Racial Justice Curriculum and Learning.
 - 3. Fostering Greater Community Engagement.
 - 4. Closing Educational Technology Gaps.
 - 5. Expanding Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Programs.

6. Discussion & Next Steps

- Committee agreed to begin work on Recommendation #1: Equalizing Community-Driven School Financing.
- Lisa Gore to reach out to Mary Che and DCPS representatives.
- Brian Heilman suggested including Out-of-School Time (OST) programs.
- Lisa recommended inviting PAVE to future meetings.
- Cal emphasized selecting a recommendation with clear racial equity focus and potential for early success.

7. Clarification on Committee Roles

- Elizabeth Nagy raised concerns about committee communications with the ANC caucus.
- Lisa Gore clarified that she invited the ANC caucus to a future RASE meeting in her capacity as an ANC Commissioner.

8. Next Meeting

- Date: October 16 (Third Thursday)
- Focus: Educational Equity – Community-Driven School Financing
- Action Items:
 - – Outreach to Mary Che and DCPS ANC reps.
 - – Begin drafting recommendations for ANC.
 - – Explore OST programs and potential partners (e.g., PAVE, Education Forward).