

## **Racial and Social Equity Committee Meeting: June 17, 2025**

### **Roll Call**

- Commissioner Karrenthya Simmons (Co-chair), Libby Martin (Co-chair), Commissioner Ra Amin (5B), Commissioner Lisa Gore, Ron Eichner, Merilee Jansen, Maria Simms, Cal Simone, Renee Turner, Brian Heilman, Carl Lankowski, Commissioner Carol Grunewald, Commissioner Liz Nagy, Jane Sherman, Commissioner Bruce Sherman.

### **Reports**

- [00:17:24]: Carl Lankowski presented on the Windows 250 project, a public education initiative to engage neighborhoods in stories about local history through a racial equity lens. Carl explained that the project involves displaying posters in local business windows that tell the story of Chevy Chase's history, including the story of George Pointer, a formerly enslaved man who became chief engineer of the C&O Canal. Carl noted that the project was a collaboration between RASE, Historic Chevy Chase DC, and Chevy Chase Main Street, with funding approved by the ANC.
- [00:49:47]: Cal provided a brief update on the Racial Equity Advisory Board meeting, mentioning that the next quarterly meeting would be at the end of July.
- [00:51:01]: Commissioner Simmons mentioned the Lafayette resolution which discussed RASE and the Lafayette Belonging Committee working together on educational events. Libby and Lisa will work with Karrenthya on this item.
- [00:52:40]: Cal mentioned that the review of recommendations was dropped from the agenda and suggested scheduling a dedicated meeting for this item as it keeps getting pushed down. Lisa suggested breaking up the review of recommendations by working groups over multiple meetings rather than trying to cover all three working groups in one meeting.

### **Action Items:**

- Cal to follow up with Commissioner Amin regarding the resources and support needed to establish a Racial Equity Committee in 5B.
- Brian will forward his write up on the Julian Bond bench dedication.
- Last Windows 250 Project event will be held on June 22, 2025 at 2:00 PM, on the corner of McKinley and Connecticut Avenue NW.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM. Commissioner Simmons noted that the committee strictly adheres to ending meetings on time.