

Racial Equity Commission Meeting Agenda

August 23, 2023 6:00 p.m. 108 Bim Street, Carrboro, NC

Call the Meeting to Order – 6:05 Chair

Attendance – Hawkins, Curry, Carter and McWilliams – members, Council members Haven-O'Donnell and Foushee – Council Liaison, Tina Moon – staff and Jones-McNair – staff liaison.

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Curry motioned to approve the minutes, McWilliams seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Residential Traffic Management Program (RTMP) Racial Equity Assessment Lens Review Lens Review – Moon presented overview of completed lens. Commission members asked questions and made comments. Commission concerned that all neighborhoods are not informed about this service that is available. Education is the key. Confirmed this process was petition based. One question – how many petition requests were submitted in lower income neighborhoods? That information was not available. Recommended neighborhood evaluations even if petition is not submitted. Can the town consider other options because that process can include barriers for some neighborhoods/underserved communities. Can be challenging when the neighborhoods are larger because 75% if the neighborhood must agree with the petition. Also concerned about how the traffic calming measures are determined once petition is submitted–speed bumps versus signage, revisit process?

Presentation – **ARPA funding** - Jones-McNair presented ARPA funding information. She also shared Durham County is launching a guaranteed income program for families that have housing and food assistance needs. The commission shared various ideas – create tenant association, cooling stations/sprinkler in common space, community education session/call to action and needs assessment. Commission wants to hear from the community. Possible to push out question of needs to community. Will table the discussion until September. Time sensitive decision needed at that meeting.

Adjourn 8:04p Hawkins made the motion, Carter seconded, and the vote was unanimous.