

**Observer:** Carol Mullins

**Meeting started:** 9:15 pm

**Meeting ended:** 10:15 pm

**Aldermen present:** Rue-Simmons convened, Braithewaite and Rainey were in attendance also.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

Discussion focused on a survey that will be highly distributed throughout the community: churches, agencies, NAACP, all networks throughout the community to determine interest in the Reparations program. There is need to explain survey is NOT an application.

They talked again of a Stakeholder authority. Nina Karin was introduced. She has contributed money to the City's fund and ECF since early stage of committee.

The Evanston Community Foundation also has a \$12 million reparations fund, which may allocate money for health or cash ? There was discussion about preferred place to give, City Vs ECF, administration fee taken by ECF, but investment has interest bearing accounts and may have more flexible opportunities.

**Public Comment:**

Many spoke about need to widen circle about survey distribution, the same folks appear each month to advocate for their position: mental and physical health concerns, cash payments.

One of public comments referred to Howard street and new condos. Rainey responded vehemently, saying "Bust myths about Howard street." there have been no new condos, one building converted, asking speakers to think and know before they speak.

Committee members are going out to community venues to speak, St Nick's reps gave huge compliments to Simmons for her presentation.

Simmons: Response to public comment, benefits to citizens is due. There has been an exodus of African Americans from Evanston. We need to support state and federal efforts in Reparations, Will Davis is the state legislator advocating, HR40 is the federal bill. Our Representative, Jan Schawkowsky has signed on. ECF may attend next meeting, we may hear soon about financial institution that may help.

Peter Braithewaite complimented Simmons on her chairing and advocating of reparations. His message is to stay encouraged and look to the future.

Reparations will meet again in February.