

**Observer Report****Reparations Meeting****November 4, 2021****Observer:** Carol Mullins**Committee Members present:** all**Meeting began:** 9am**Meeting ended:** 10am

Peter Brathwaite, chair, called meeting to order at 9am with admonition that it was important to conclude by 10. All committee members were present by 9:10 and the audience numbered about 20. Both Tasheik Kerr and Kimberley Richardson were in attendance and the City attorney joined about 9:20. There was no public comment, minutes from last meeting were approved unanimously.

Tasheik began the discussion about NUMBERS of applicants, deadline at 11:59 pm on Friday, November 5. She began by saying that there were 122 ancestor applicants and 476 other applicants, probably to pass 500. Carlos Sutton remarked he expected 1000 applicants. There are some folks having a hard time completing applications because they can't find necessary items. Tasheik has told them to keep on looking and turn in when they find. Shore Front and the History Center can help. Churches, social club memberships, telephone books are good places to seek information. Ancestors will receive highest priority this go around. Peter commented that three more Cannabis licenses have been awarded to people in Evanston, they are trying to find locations. When they open, there will be more tax dollars. There is approval now for grants up to \$400,000. There was discussion about lack of trust for fairness on the part of the black community towards the City.

Consequently, we need to be patient and provide transparent process.

The Donations to date are \$31, 410 and 53 thank you notes have been written. The Donations report was accepted and placed on file. The Donations working group is meeting regularly. Evanston Community Day, Building black wealth through homeownership workshop is scheduled for Saturday, December 4th, 9am until 2 pm at Faith Temple, 1932 Dewey, Evanston, sponsored by the Dearborn Realist Board. Their President, former President and Vice-President gave some history about the group, founded in 1941 when black realtors were not welcome in white real estate firms. There are 92 chapters throughout the US. There will be many workshops to teach how to get a mortgage, what one needs, financial counseling and babysitting will be provided.

This is second such Evanston Community Day.

There was a presentation by National African American Reparations Commission, NAARC, Dr. Ron Daniels and Cam Howard congratulated Evanston and the city staff.

The world is watching Evanston, small but real efforts are under way. Look out for pushback when monies are ready to be granted. When our first round is completed, the national association can provide other models of reparations. On December 9th, there will be a national association meeting here, thanks to Robin Simmons. Robin Simmons has become active in this national group. The meeting was adjourned at 10am.