

Observer Report**Reparations****October 7, 2021****Mtg began:** 9 am**Mtg ended:** 10:15 am**Observer:** Carol Mullins

Peter Braithewaite chaired the meeting with a quorum: Robin Rue Simmons, Claire Barber, Bonnie Lockhart, Carlis Sutton and another member I did not know.

The first item on the agenda was the financial Donations Report \$26,230 has been donated. Peter also mentioned funds held at ECF for grants. Send personal notes to all and encourage donations. It was moved and approved to put the Donations Report on file.

Next on the agenda was Restorative Housing Program Update As of September 30, 29 applications have been received. Deadline is soon. Apps and help are available at the library. Robin Simmons says feedback for accessibility and information has been good.

November 5th is next meeting, committee will approve, list will go to Council on November. 22, selection will conclude on November 30.

The group spent much of the time discussing transparent strategies for a random approach to issuing funds for mortgage money and home renovations. Carlis Sutton emphasized perception needs to be fairness.

All current applicants have met the ancestry criterion. When apps come in, they are assigned a number. Only Tasheik and Kimberley have names of applicants. Those who are not granted money on the first go-around will be put back in the mix for later funds.

Robin said there is a new Community Resource guide being put together, available soon. She was very clear that this be a black community endeavor. There will be a workshop sponsored by black real estate folks at Faith Temple (Fleetwood not available) on December 4th, geared to information and education about mortgages and renovation. Bonnie Lockhart warned of a proliferation of scams. There is a question about management and supervision of contractors.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am. The next meeting is November 5th.