

Meeting Summary of the Harriet Tubman School Advisory Council

June 14, 2018

The Harriet Tubman School Advisory Council (HTSAC) held a meeting on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Columbia/Ellicott Room of the George Howard Building (3430 Courthouse Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043). The following members were present:

Bessie Bordenave - Chair
Patricia Thorne
Doris Ligon
Herman Charity
Robertta Kelly
Fred Dorsey
Howard Lyles
Kori Jones
Everlene Cunningham
Kristina Rose McKirahan

Michael Kaminetz, Department of Public Works
Matt Madera, Department of Recreation and Parks
Caitlin Chamberlain, Department of Recreation and Parks
Raul Delerme, Department of Recreation and Parks
John Byrd, Department of Recreation and Parks
Lauren Myatt, Consultant
Alexandra Wohl, Office of the County Executive

County Executive Allan Kittleman provided opening remarks to the HTSAC thanking them for their willingness to serve in the HTSAC and the recognizing the importance of their task.

Introductions

HTSAC members introduced themselves and shared their connection to the Harriet Tubman School.

Review Executive Order

Members were provided copies of Executive Order and Press Release announcing the creation of the HTSAC.

Rules and Procedures

- HTSAC members were asked that they remain respectful of each other and others' opinions while serving. One member shall speak at a time and be mindful of cellphone disruption.
- HTSAC determined it would meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6pm. Meetings should be expected to run for an hour and a half.
- HTSAC determined meetings can take place at Harriet Tubman School Building as needed.

- HTSAC determined that 8 members would constitute a quorum.
- HTSAC made aware of the Public Information Act (PIA) and the Open Meetings Act (OMA) and of its responsibilities as a public body. Link to OMA training and FAQ's on OMA and PIA to be sent electronically to members.

Discussion Items

- Chair asked that the HTSAC members each share their vision for the Harriet Tubman School building. Common themes of the visions included among others a center which:
 - Honors the legacy of Harriet Tubman herself
 - Recognizes the staff, students, and community leaders affiliated with the Harriet Tubman School
 - Preserves the history of the building and the time period
 - Educates visitors on the experiences of African-Americans in Howard County throughout the years
 - Partners with organizations and invites members of the public to participate in fun and meaningful programs and activities
 - Serves as an inclusive educational center which promotes community unity
- Discussed current condition of building.

Next Steps

- Bring additional building use and programming ideas to next meeting.
- Share cosmetic upgrade details for Harriet Tubman Day (9/15) event.
- Explore potential partnerships and funding sources.

Adjournment

Bessie Bordenave moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Kori Jones and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.