

Meeting Summary of the Harriet Tubman School Advisory Council

July 12, 2018

The Harriet Tubman School Advisory Council (HTSAC) held a meeting on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Harriet Tubman School building. The following members were present:

Bessie Bordenave - Chair
Patricia Thorne
Doris Ligon
Herman Charity
Roberta Kelly
Fred Dorsey
Shawn Gladden
Melvin Kelly
Howard Lyles
Rev. Doug Sands
Kori Jones
Everlene Cunningham
James LeMon
Dottie Moore
Ausar Edwards
Hannah Gorel

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

Chair Bessie Bordenave called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

Approval of June 14th Meeting Minutes

Rev. Doug Sands moved to approve June 14th minutes. Herman Charity seconded the motion. The HTSAC approved.

Approval of Quorum

Given the amendment to Executive Order No. 2018-12 appointing Dottie Moore to the Council, the HTSAC reviewed the number of members which would constitute a quorum. Melvin Kelly moved to

approve that nine members constitute a quorum. Fred Dorsey seconded the motion. The HTSAC approved.

Presentation and Discussion led by Lauren Myatt, Consultant

- Lauren Myatt shared proposed cosmetic improvements to the cafeteria in preparation for the 9/15 Harriet Tubman Day event. Lauren explained the rationale for the improvements and presented the proposed selection of specific floor tile, wall paint color, etc. and the desire to preserve the original look of the space. Melvin Kelly moved to approve the proposed cosmetic improvement items, Roberta Kelly seconded the motion, HTSAC approved.
- Lauren began the discussion surrounding programming and the timeline and process of developing one final endorsed concept plan which optimizes both the legacy and future use of the building. The group continued to share programming and building use ideas and sought clarification for the feasibility of their implementation.
- Subcommittee was created to focus on programming and building usage.
- Caryn Lasser clarified present funding allocated towards the project and explained that the programs selected will determine future operational expenses.
- Trip to Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad museum discussed. Fred Dorsey will obtain additional information from the museum.

Next Steps

- HTSAC was reminded the next meeting would be the second Thursday of the month (August 9) at 6:00 p.m. at the Harriet Tubman School building.
- Continue to narrow down programming and building utilization ideas.

Adjournment

Bessie Bordenave moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Kori Jones and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.