The Harriet Tubman Advisory Council (HTSAC) held a meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 6pm in the Harriet Tubman School Building. The following members were present:

Bessie Bordenave – Chair  
Herman Charity  
Fred Dorsey  
Shawn Gladden  
Hannah Gorel  
Kori Jones  
Howard Lyles  
Dottie Moore  
Melvin Kelly  
Roberta Kelly  
Rev. Doug Sands

Jennifer Jones, County Executive’s Office  
Matt Madera, Department of Recreation and Parks  
Michael Kaminetz, Department of Public Works  
Lauren Myatt, Consultant  
Ryan Etter, Department of Recreation and Parks  
Chiara D’Amore, Community Ecology Institute, Speaker

Chair Bessie Bordenave called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Approval of Agenda  
Added Community Ecology Institute to agenda

Approval of March 14th Minutes  
Motion to approve the March 14th minutes by Bessie Bordenave and seconded by Herman Charity. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items
- Mike Kaminetz updated us on building renovations  
  o Auditorium will be ready for presentation but not use in September for Harriet Tubman Day  
    - Finishes and old flooring will be restored  
    - Dry wall ceiling  
    - Current wood doors are inefficient so proposing new energy efficient doors that are up to code  
  o Classroom will be restored by September  
  o Will restore old chairs  
    - Bessie to find pictures of old chairs
• Lauren Myatt shared layout of auditorium
  o Showed lighting and flooring plan
  o Recommended to get new doors instead of restoring
• Update on procurement of display exhibit cases
  o Plexi cases
  o A variety of different sizes are available
  o Need to make decisions and determine where to store
• Sponsorships
  o Still looking for sponsors
• Community Ecology Institute
  o Chiara D’Amore spoke about potential collaboration with ecology center and Harriet
    Tubman Building
    ▪ Recreation and Parks Programming
  o In process of buying the farm across the street from Tubman building
  o Working with Shaw (owner) farm to preserve farm (6.4 acres)
  o Make available to community
  o Programming of natural green space with Harriet Tubman Foundation
• New business
  o June 1st – Event for class of 1957/1958
  o Flag Raising Memorial Day – 7:45am
• Shawn Gladden met with Central Maryland African American Genealogical Society to see how
  they can be involved with the Harriet Tubman Building
• Need to solidify money coming in and costs
  o Bond bill from state ($300K) + matching county $ marked for renovation ($300K)
  o Rec & Parks to work out costs

Goals for Next Meeting
• Facility rental costs
• Discussing 2 rooms of building to figure out how they will be used
• Sponsorships
• HTASC – goals for next year

Adjournment
Shawn Gladden moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Rev. Doug Sands and carried
unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:41pm.