

**Meeting Summary of the Harriet Tubman School Advisory Council
September 10, 2020**

The Harriet Tubman Advisory Council (HTSAC) held a meeting on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 6pm online through the WebEx meetings software. The following members were present:

Bessie Bordenave – Chair
Melvin Kelly
Howard Lyles
Frank Turner
Kristen McKirahin
Herman Charity
Doug Sands

Lauren Myatt
Jennifer Jones- County Executive Office
Matt Madera, Department of Recreation and Parks
Kori Jones, Department of Recreation and Parks
Ryan Etter, Department of Recreation and Parks
Michael Kaminetz, Department of Public Works

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

Motion to approve the August minutes was made. Approved unanimously.

Discussion Items

- Building update from Lauren
 - Progress made on exhibit and cultural space
 - Putting together construction documents to put out to bid.
 - Completed by September 30th
 - Mechanical, plumbing, and AV engineers are meeting
 - DTCS is meeting to make sure building has proper access and servers.
 - Exhibit designer consultant and Shawn Gladden met to walk building and figure out direction for exhibit.
 - Focus will be on Howard County African American History
 - Schools, churches, etc.
 - Main corridor will display narratives and displays on walls
 - School history
 - Harriet Tubman and Underground Railroad exhibit/history by main entrance
 - Put together formal pricing for building
 - Estimates in soon
 - Phase 2 ends in October
 - Phase 3 to start next
 - Cultural aspects of building
 - Oral History room is intended as 2 separate spaces
 - 1 room for interviews

- Other for archives and storage
 - Soft flooring to help with acoustics
 - Keeping existing door
- Will reach out to outside organizations to get rentals and meetings in the building to bring in additional money
- Expediting permits as quickly as possible
- Grants
 - Received 2 state grants for \$300k and \$500k
 - Will replace current funds, not additional funds

Adjournment

Bessie Bordenave moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Kori Jones and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:21pm.