

**Meeting Summary of the Harriet Tubman School Advisory Council  
August 12, 2021**

The Harriet Tubman Advisory Council (HTSAC) held a meeting on Thursday, August 12, 2021, at 6pm online through the WebEx meetings software. The following members were present:

Bessie Bordenave – Chair  
Melvin Kelly  
Fred Dorsey  
Kristina McKirahan  
Doug Sands  
Frank Turner  
Willie Flowers  
Becky McKirahan

Dr. Calvin Ball, County Executive  
Stephanie Wall, County Administration  
Janssen Evelyn, County Administration  
Raul Delerme, Department of Recreation and Parks  
Matt Madera, Department of Recreation and Parks  
Michael Kaminetz, Department of Public Works  
Kori Jones, Department of Recreation and Parks  
Ryan Etter, Department of Recreation and Parks

Chair Bessie Bordenave called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Motion to approve the July minutes was made. Approved unanimously.

Becky McKirahan and Willie Flowers have been selected as new members to the Harriet Tubman School Advisory Council

**Project Update**

- Site Break In
  - No historical items were taken
    - Bessie removed for safe keeping
  - Police set up camera trailer
    - 5 cameras
      - Can pan and zoom
  - Temporary wireless security system will be installed until permit is approved
    - 20 motion sensors in building
      - Will take pictures and send to 911
    - Looking to see if alarm system will also be used
  - There will be a press conference at the end of September giving an update on the break in
- Furniture meeting
  - Duron company will be furnishing furniture
    - Will be consistent with other Recreation and Parks facilities
- Site Development Plan has been approved

- Grading permit will be approved next week
  - Will allow for exterior work to begin
    - Parking lot and vestibule
- Kitchen prep area will need to remove crawlspace and fill with concrete
- Building on schedule to be finished by December 15

#### **Building Delay Concerns**

- Ms. Bordenave brought up concerns on why the Harriet Tubman Building construction has been so delayed while other county buildings have been finished or had more progress in shorter time
  - New Courthouse
  - Hammond Highschool
  - Highschool 13
- Dr. Ball explained that when the project started, Harriet Tubman building had no funding while other projects were part of the Capital Projects plan for years and had funding to begin.
- The pandemic also greatly slowed down progress

#### **Announcement**

- No Harriet Tubman Day in September due to construction on the building
- Grand opening still scheduled for February 2022

#### **Adjournment**

Bessie Bordenave moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Melvin Kelly and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:41pm.