

Hyattsville Flag Redesign Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 7/10/2024

Time: 7:30

Location: City Building Multipurpose Room, 4310 Gallatin Street

The meeting began at 7:31.

In attendance: Monica Gorman, Katie Burk, Jamila Hinds, Michael Fischer, Sam Jackson, Paul Hrusa

Also present: Deputy City Administrator Laura Reams, Council Member Jimmy McClellan

- Approved the minutes from 5/15/24 and 5/29/24 (unanimously)
- Discussed the 12 highest-scored flag designs (top 10 plus 2 that were very close)
- Highlighted themes that stand out across the whole submission pool:
 - Anacostia River, especially using a chevron to represent the two branches
 - Nature/trees/flowers, especially oak and black-eyed Susan
 - Rail/trolley
 - UFO appeared in one flag
 - The letter H
 - Discussed how people seem to consider the shape itself a symbol of Hyattsville, not just an initial
 - Five wards
 - Dogs (especially in designs submitted by children)
 - Colors:
 - Red/white/gold/black (MD state flag)
 - Blue (rivers, old flag)
 - Green (nature, trees)
- Planned next steps:
 - Michael will send out the top 12 and members will reply by the weekend with any others they would like to consider further and any design tweaks they would suggest
 - Members will rank these flags individually before the next meeting
 - At the next meeting, we will discuss them in a group and narrow it down to 5 to present to the public for feedback
 - We will also discuss the planned video promotion, getting any hand-sketched designs re-drawn for feedback and printing, and the plan for printing actual flags for the next round of feedback
- Talked about how we might recognize Alex Miller for his work advocating for a new flag
- Paul Hrusa mentioned that some local artists he knows are upset because they feel that the city is allegedly using artists for free labor

The meeting adjourned at 8:34.

Minutes prepared by Monica Gorman.