

**City of Hyattsville
Race & Equity Task Force
June 28, 2022 7:00 PM
Zoom
Minutes**

Present

Task Force Members:

- Malcolm Clarke
- Jennifer Gafford
- Alicia (ah-**lee**-syah) Freemyn
- Daniel Amador
- Rodrigo Blanco
- Daniel (dah-nee-**ehl**) Vallejos-Avila
- Jocelyn Medallo

Council:

- Mayor Robert Croslin

Staff:

- Staff Liaison, Jan Guszynski
- Shakira Hall Louimarre, Equity Officer

Guests:

- No guests

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM by Chair Clarke

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Roll Call – Chair Clarke

Acknowledgement of Meeting Guests – Staff Liaison Jan Guszynski

2. Approve minutes from March, April, and May meetings

- Minutes for March: DVA moved. Alicia 2nd
- Minutes for April: DVA moved. Alicia 2nd
- Minutes for May: RB moved. DVA 2nd

3. Chair Clarke resignation and election of new chair/co-chairs

- **MC:**
 - Moving to Boston and must resign his position as Chair of the Race and Equity Task Force (RETF) in Hyattsville.
 - Entertain nominations for the chair position.

- Explained that the role of the Chair includes duties such as preparing agendas, receiving emails from the public with equity issues. He hopes that the chair would continue with developing a plan.
- **Jan G:** With Shakira on board, I see chairs or co-chairs working more closely with her. Also, coordinating panelists to present at meetings.
- **MC:** Hope the team will prioritize getting Equity Plan completed. If the successor wants, they can focus on race and equity concerns of the public at large.
- **SL:** Consider adopting the co-chair model. One person who is more seasoned and one that is newer.
- **MC:** Alicia Freemyn and Jennifer Gafford are nominated and voted in.
- **MC:** Jocelyn Medallo is voted in as secretary.

4. Administration Announcements/Debriefs

- New Mayor/Council:
 - Mayor Robert Croslin was sworn in
 - There will be a special election for Ward 2 Council Member
- Driskell Park Update
 - The round tables have ended for the reimagining of the park. The Neighborhood Design Group is sending a file soon. They are shooting for a dedication ceremony in September or October on a Saturday.
 - Who Driskell was will be reflected in the park and future programming

5. VisitAble Service Overview – Equity Officer Louimarre

- It's a training for city employees. People who have disabilities will participate in educating others on how to interact respectfully with people with disabilities.
- Enabling a better experience for visitors and community members
- Engaging members of that community is a good idea.

6. Transportation Plan Presentation – Malcolm Clarke

Transportation presentation included as a separate document.

7. Open Discussion/ Community Comments

No guests

SL: Tracey Douglas sent a message to thank Malcolm for his service.

Jan G:

- Coordinated with Jim Chandler, Director of Community & Economic Development, for one of his people to present on affordable housing study.
- Transportation topic will be reassigned since Malcolm is leaving the committee
- Community Policing Presentation is set for the July committee meeting

8. Adjourn Meeting

MC Motion to adjourn meeting. AF move to adjourn. RB second. All in favor.

Adjourned 8:44 PM