

City of Hyattsville
Health, Wellness, and Recreation Advisory Committee
Minutes
Virtual Zoom Meeting
7:00-8:30 PM
March 25, 2021

1. Approve previous meeting minutes
 - a. Approved unanimously
2. Presentation and questions for the Capital Trails Coalition
 - a. Stephanie Pipierno WABA Trails Coalition Manager
 - b. Overseeing the Capital Trails Coalition
 - i. Comprised of WABA, Rails to Trails, and other organizations
 - ii. Noticed that connectivity in regional trails was lacking
 - iii. Working on a connected network of 900 miles
 1. Currently has about 400 miles to go
 - iv. Comprised of government organizations, commercial, Bike Maryland, NPS among others
 - v. The planned segments that they are advocating for are from what the municipal governments are already planning
 - vi. Focusing on equitable trail development
 1. Southern PG and Wards 7&8 in DC have the least developed network
 2. Focused on trail development based on these stated areas
 - a. High population centers
 - b. High minority populations
 - c. Activity centers
 - vii. Working with Rails to Trails
 1. To access funding
 2. Make the argument that trails arent just for recreation, but transportation and should be able to access those funds
 - viii. This summer the TPB & COG adopted a framework that includes the
 - ix. General member
 - x. Advisory member
 1. Created to have governments

2. Select a permanent representative
 3. Attend quarterly meetings
 - c. Wilene asked how we can inform city of the use and benefits of the trails
 - d. Using the trails not just in Hyattsville
 - e. Even though Hyattsville only has a couple of trails to be built, it is still beneficial to participate
 - f. Is there an estimate of the cost lost due to the dearth of trails within Prince George's
 - i. Health Cost savings from a completed network
 - ii. CDC
 - iii. Vehicle miles travel reduced
 - iv. Tree coverage
 - v. Water quality
 - vi. CO2 emissions
 - g. Benefits to the city and CTC - diversity of voices across the region is important
 - h. Communicate as a coalition using google group to announce PG County events
 - i. Working to advocate for County budget
 - j. Sam will work on a memo to present to the committee before next meeting
3. Budget Requests
 - a. MHFA
 - b. Lecture/Learning
 - c. Thrive Grants
 - d. Cheri to generate funding request language based on previous requests
 - e. Sam moved to approve those requests
 - i. Seconded by Dyann
 - ii. Approved unanimously
4. Brief Discussion
 - a. Mental Health First Aid (Dyann)
 - i. Spanish language material has not been completed for online
 - ii. There are options for classes of May 8th or June 5th
 - iii. City Administrator has approved \$1200 for the course - one class of 20
 - iv. Either Cheri or Admin staff will handle registration
 - v. If June 5th is available that would be preferable

- vi. If unavailable, May 8th is available
 - vii. Will get confirmation from clerks office tomorrow
- b. Police violence against African Americans - Email to other committees
 - i. Discussion as to whether there should be a specific ask
 - ii. Thinking about whether we want to discuss broader racism impacts under this effort or in the other collaborative effort in the cultural event programming with the RETF
 - iii. Don to move forward to generate a memo to deliver to the city clerk
- c. Herbalist (Willene)
 - i. Would this be for May or June. May not need to have funding
 - ii. For now, we will aim for July programming
- d. Anacostia Watershed Society (Pete)
 - i. AWS Earth Day Clean Up April 24 - upsized to 25 participants
 - ii. Only 2 hour event
 - iii. Will display the committee banner
- e. Park Renaming
 - i. Pete and Stacie (RETF) gave presentation to council on 15 March
 - ii. Public comment now and public hearing
 - iii. Council will have discussion in the future
- f. Cooking Class (Dyann)
 - i. Margaret at EcoCity discussed cooking class
 - ii. They have a first aid kit class from herbs
 - 1. 15 kids, \$400, 50 minutes
 - 2. Ages 6-10
 - 3. Checking with city admin
 - 4. Possibly pushing to next fiscal year
- g. Cultural Event Programming
 - i. We have not added items to the spreadsheet
- h. Welcome Packet
 - i. Will need to revisit and update in the next few years - perhaps FY2023
- 5. New Business
 - a. Discussion about having a google drive for the committee

- i. Cheri will check with city attorney
 - b. Are we still accepting new committee members
 - i. Yes. need to apply through the website
- 6. Next meeting
 - a. April 22 2021 - Possibly City Candidate Forum
 - i. Will try to get April 29 2021 - Cheri to confirm with City
 - ii. Motion by don
 - iii. Seconded by Sam
 - iv. Unanimous
- 7. Adjourn
 - a. Moved by don
 - b. Seconded by pete
 - c. unanimous