

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

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Thursday, February 25, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Health, Wellness & Recreation Advisory Committee

Registration Link:

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Attendance:

Don Burger, Pete Reiniger, Stephanie Brooks Maynard, Anita Shelton, Patrice Woods, Sam Denes, Dyann Waugh

City Liaison: Cheri Everhart

1. Approve previous meeting minutes

Corrected Pete's Last name

Motion to accept as amended: Pete

Seconded by Don

Approved Unanimously

2. Brief Discussion

a. Mental Health First Aid (Dyann)

- i. Having a difficult time getting in touch with instructor
- ii. He has been doing a lot of trainings with PG social workers
- iii. Looking into a spanish language version
- iv. Up to 20 students
- v. No money is currently allocated for this
- vi. But the city administrator is willing to fund another class
- vii. Concerned whether we can get 20 spanish language students, should be fine as long as we get 10 people signed up
- viii. Will use city's normal communication channels to advertise
- ix. Based on deadlines, at this point we need a month's advance

- x. Need to schedule class before the end of the fiscal year
- b. Herbalist (Willene)
- c. Anacostia Watershed Society (Pete)
 - i. Earth day cleanup will be held on April 24th
 - ii. Limited to 10 volunteers by MNCPPC
 - iii. Most likely to still be limited even in April to the cap of 10
 - iv. Plastic bottles for recycling will be separated from other recyclables
- d. Capital Trails Coalition (Sam)
 - i. Stephanie pipierno from Captial Trails Coalition would like to present
 - ii. Committee cannot join but can recommend to council that the city joins
 - iii. Sam will work with Stephanie to have her make a presentation at a future meeting
- e. Park Renaming
 - i. Don thanked us for the effort
 - ii. Pete (HWRAC) and Stacie (RETF) will present recommendations to council on 15 March
 - iii. Discussion will take place that night about the process
 - iv. Eventually a council member will take the recommendations and then propose a motion to rename possibly based on our suggestions and then council will deliberate and possibly vote
- f. Cooking Class (Dyann)
 - i. Dyann suggests a previous class would have cost \$60 per person but that included cooking space and ingredients
 - ii. Possibly go to councilmembers to get funding from ward budgets
- g. Police violence against African Americans
 - i. The city does not collect racial statistics on interactions with the police
 - ii. Sam will reach out to the RETF and Police Advisory committees to see if they are addressing this issue
 - iii. Joseph reminded us that we were addressing this issue from a health aspect both on the individual level as well as the community at large
 - 1. How do we gauge what level of sentiment of trauma that individuals and the community feel due to the police

2. How do police officers feel in their various environments
 3. The city hires a consultant to do a city satisfaction survey
 - a. The committee can make a request to the council that this topic be included in the residential satisfaction survey
 - b. City staff are involved in the developing of the survey
 - iv. Do we want to, as a committee, request the city to invest in consultants to dig into the perceptions of the community or the police department towards the community
 - h. Senior resources in COVID
 - i. Anita recommends tabling, her mom received a survey from Marcy Lefevre, city staff Age Friendly Programming Lead, they are, along with HAP, doing well
 - ii. Joseph discussed with Administrator Douglas about getting programming for senior services for “How to” in the digital/virtual/social distanced age
 - i. Welcome Packet
3. Budget Initiatives
 - a. First discussion of budget will occur in mid march
 - b. There may still be time for the committee to put actual values for programming
 - c. If the drafted budget once introduced is in a deficit, council may be hesitant to add more items that would increase the deficit
 - d. Grant program use the same budget proposal as previous year
 - e. Request funding for educational series \$1000: herbalist or cooking class for children and families
 - f. \$3600 for 3 classes of 20 students for MHFA
 - g. Don moved to submit a \$16k budget proposal
 - h. Seconded by Dyann
 - i. Passed unanimously
4. Joint Committee opportunity – Cultural Event programming
 - a. The city is trying to add cultural programming with the themed months, working together with the RETF to brainstorm ideas for adding cultural programming
5. New Business

- a. Ensure that committee members are renewing their appointments if they are expiring and if anyone is interested in chairing the committee Don is not insistent on being the chair.
- 6. Next meeting
 - a. March 25th
- 7. Adjourn 9pm