

City of Hyattsville Education Advisory Committee Minutes
January 27, 2025
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Meeting held in person:
Municipal Building - Multipurpose Room
4310 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville 20781

Roll Call: Committee members

In attendance:

Nicholas Misukanis (Ward 2) - Chair
Michael Angeloni (Ward 5) - Record Keeper
Cynthia Totten (Ward 4)
Lisvette García (Ward 1)
Vallorie Watson (Ward 1)
Mercy Ogutu (Ward 3)
Jacquelyn Smith (Ward 1)

Absent:

Deshundria Fortson (Ward 1)

Attending Council Liaison:

Councilmember Emily Strab (Ward 2) – Present

City of Hyattsville:

Jazmin Shorts (Community Services Manager) – Present

Meeting called to order at 6:40pm.

After committee members had the opportunity to review applications for the Education Enrichment Grant.

- Leadership Elections

- **Chair:** Vallorie nominated Nicholas to remain as chair. All in favor.
- **Record Keeper:** Michael nominated Lisvette to serve as record keeper. All in favor.
- **Alternate Record Keeper:** Jacquelyn nominated themselves as alternate record keeper. All in favor.

- Approve January Agenda

- Michael motioned; Lisvette seconded.
- Unanimously approved.

- Welcome Jacquelyn Smith

Discussion:

- Updates on the Education Enrichment Grant? How many applications so far? Can we advertise it?

- Total applications received: 6
- Nicholas proposed extending grant application deadline to Feb. 21 due to snowstorm and committee to review at the February meeting.
- Councilmember Strab recommended committee to approve first batch of applications at the current meeting so that City Council can approve the first batch in their February meeting and the second batch in their March meeting.
- Cynthia suggested adding a disclaimer when promoting extended deadline that disbursement of funds will be delayed, pending City Council approval in March meeting.
- Nicholas asked Jazmin about outreach and ability to add disclaimer. Committee members agreed with deadline extension.
- Nicholas asked committee members if there was any hesitation with received applications and the fact that Northwestern High School submitted applications for 4 projects. Committee members did not express any hesitation or concern.
- Nicholas clarified that funding allows for approval of 10 projects.
- Nicholas asked if there are any next steps from the committee to grantees. Councilmember Strab noted that committee should plan to follow up with grantees in spring/May to remind about post-grant reporting requirement due in July.
- Michael motioned to approve all 6 received applications to date; Jacquelyn Smith seconded.
- Unanimously approved.

- Things to consider planning for next year? Pick 2-3 and Plan:

- Committee discussed types of events to host for the year and possible dates and all agreed on the following:
 - Brunch with Youth Advisory Committee – April
 - Councilmember Strab will reach out to Youth Advisory Committee
 - Spring-themed
 - College Fair/Trade Fair – May
 - Jacquelyn and Mercy to co-lead
 - Increasing awareness about Dual Enrollment
 - Weekday evening before Memorial Day
 - Possible locations due to May elections: Library or recreation center
 - Backpack drive/Uniform Drive – August
 - Start planning in June
 - Principal's Luncheon – Oct. or Nov.
- Councilmember Strab reminded that budget for FY2025-26 starts soon, committee should start planning and submitting requests. Ensure we use remaining funds from 2024 principal's luncheon by June 2025.
- Nicholas asked when funding proposals are due to City Council. Councilmember Strab stated it should be submitted in March to be included in Council's April meeting.

Councilmember Strab stressed the importance of having EAC committee present at Council meeting.

- Finalize 2025 meeting calendar

Committee reviewed proposed dates and discussed meeting schedule. Committee members in agreement to continue meeting in-person on a quarterly basis and holding the other meetings virtually. In-person meetings are identified in the schedule below:

- Feb 24, 2025 - 6:30pm
- Mar 24, 2025 - 6:30pm
- Apr 28, 2025 - 6:30pm (in-person)
- Jun 23, 2025 - 6:30pm
- Jul 28, 2025 - 6:30pm (in-person)
- Aug 25, 2025 - 6:30pm
- Sep 22, 2025 - 6:30pm (in-person)
- Oct 27, 2025 - 6:30pm
- Dec 8, 2025 - 6:30pm

Other business?

-Approval of past meeting minutes

- Michael motioned; Cynthia seconded.
- Unanimously approved.

Public comment?

-No public in attendance.

Move to adjourn?

- Lisvette motioned; Michael seconded.
- All in favor.
- **Meeting ended at 7:45pm.**