

**City of Hyattsville**  
**Race & Equity Task Force Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Date: May 27th, 2026, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

**PARTICIPANTS:**

***TASK FORCE MEMBERS:***

**Co-Chair Daniel Amador Renard (DA)**  
**Record Keeper Secretary Jocelyn Medallo (JM)**  
**Member Jessica Garth (JG)**  
**Member Christopher Koya (CK)**

***STAFF:***

**Race & Equity Officer Shakira Louimarre (SL)**  
**Council Member Kelson Nisbett (CM KN)**

**7:02 pm - Welcome & Call to Order – Co-chair Clemonts**

**7:03 pm - 7:05 pm – Roll Call – Co-chair Clemonts**

**7:05 pm - 7:10 pm – Acknowledgement of Guests and Public Comment – Co-chair Amador Renard**

- No guests

**7: 10pm – 7:13pm -- Amendment to May 27 Agenda**

- JM moves to amend agenda to include update on Climate Action Plan; all in favor.

**7:13 pm – 7:15 pm – Approval of April Minutes– Recorder Medallo**

- Minute approved, no amendments.

**7:15 pm – 7:45 pm – Discussion of Recent Council Meeting Updates– Co-chair Amador Renard**

- **DA: March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting:** There was a discussion about discretionary funds and approval of use of those funds. The only thing that caught my eye that may be related is the automated stop sign camera program – to disincentivize speeding

and people not stopping at stop signs. One of the things that came to mine is that it is empirically true that in urban areas there tends to be heavy policing on lower income and people of color. Those dynamics may be there in our small 5 wards. It is important for the City to be thoughtful about where these cameras are placed and implications (to be aware of any bias in placing them in moderate to lower income households). My proposed action would be to learn more about the City is looking at this stop sign enforcement and if we could have someone from the city come to present how they are selecting the sites where the automated stop signs will be placed.

- **NK:** I did not know about this and agree with your assessment and safety related portions. As someone who has bumped by a car during my walk, I agree. We just have to make sure it makes sense. I agree with hearing from someone who will be installing these and learning more.
- **DA:** I will fill out one of the sheets but Shakira, how feasible is it to learn more about this initiative?
  - **SL:** I don't want to speak for a department but I'm sure they would be happy to talk to you. I'll have this in the minutes and will follow up.

#### **March 23**

- **JG:** March 23 was me. I will review and prepare for the next meeting and prepare the form.
- **SL:** If the majority of things have already been passed, there's no reason to go back. You can take a look at see.

#### **May 11th**

- **DA:** May 11<sup>th</sup> (RETF reviewed agenda). One of the things that jumped out at me is the discretionary funds which made me think that some community members that have access and have engaged council members may know about these funds, but folks who may not be as legally engaged, such as those without legal status, may not know or have access. Is there something here about providing clarity that these discretionary funds are to support our community at large so that members of the public who have an idea they can have that conversation with their members. There is an equity aspect to this – are we serving all of our communities? I know we do not have data on where these funds go so transparency at the very least – maybe something on our website or awareness around our social media would be helpful. Even outreach that the funds exist and what the funds can be used for.
  - **NK:** I agree. Who are the funds going to? What can they be used for, especially for our non-English speaking neighbors? Someone kicked the fence out in our neighborhood and I found out that the discretionary funds could not be used for the fence repair. But if we came together to fix the fence, the funds could apply. It must be a community event.
  - **JM:** I had no idea about these funds and what they could be used for.
- **CM Nisbett:** Either 2500 or 2700 per ward. You may your request to council member or all council members to an event that helps everyone. We make a

vote during the council meeting. For example, we did a barbeque to do outreach. While we can use discretionary funds, I would ask you to look at the budget for 2028. The 2027 budget cycle starts in July. Think about what you need. CM Lee and I have the ability to carve out that request so that RETF has the resources to achieve the budget that they would like to achieve.

- **DA:** This could be a communications thing. If we go to the website, this information is not there. We can defer to SL to see what might be the most appropriate action to increase awareness.
  - **SL:** Conversation between communications department and City Clerk.

#### **April 13th**

- **NC: April 13:** It was big on budget. I did not fill out the form because nothing stood out on RETF issues, but I did learn about police vehicles which are breaking down. Imagine that car is running 16 hours a day, sitting out in the sun, the windows don't roll down – they spoke about turning the fleet over and cyclical purchasing. They talked about electric vehicles but found charging access issues. They talked about the Climate Action Plan, and they spoke about merging committees together – the RETF was not mentioned. A citizen had complained about the HY-SWAP because she was being ticketed for setting up the night before and she had a permit.
  - **JM:** Were there any community comments on the Climate Action Plan?
    - **NK:** None but will keep that in mind when I review the minutes again. I will fill out the form.
  - Group agreed to reach out on Climate Action Plan to provide equity updates to the RETF.

#### **May 26th**

- **JM:** The Formula 2040: Functional Master Plan for Parks, Recreation and Open Space is a visioning and strategic planning project of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) in Prince George's County. The purpose of the project is to proactively plan for Prince George's County's recreation programs, parks, trails, and open space needs—now and for the future. The Plan is the culmination of work that commenced in 2008 with a needs assessment project called Parks & Recreation: 2010 and Beyond. 2010 and Beyond was a rigorous, top-to-bottom review of DPR performance that resulted in an action plan to address findings, including over 100 objectives and hundreds of action steps. 2010 and Beyond is the foundation for Formula 2040, a plan that defines an image of what the parks and recreation system in Prince George's County will look like in 2040, when there will be few remaining opportunities for major land acquisition.
- **DA:** Next Council meeting is **June 8<sup>th</sup>** (NK); **July 13<sup>th</sup>** (JM). Then there is a break and the next one is **August** (JG).

**7:45 pm – 8:10 pm – Discussion of RETF Participation in Summer Events– Co-chair Clemonts**

- **NK:** Summer events are how we get out into the community and meet people. Did not look at the schedule but we know that Summer Jam and Juneteenth is coming up this summer. I was hoping we could have branded. There's also the Zombie Run.
  - To print t-shirts, it was expensive. Could we use discretionary funds?
- **SL:** I can go through the list of events.
  - Juneteenth Summer Jam on June 12<sup>th</sup> at Driskell Park
    - RETF member attending: DA (5:30-6:30pm)
  - Summer Soccer Watch Party on June 27<sup>th</sup>
    - RETF member attending: JG (time TBC)
  - Backyard BBQ Summer Jam on July 17<sup>th</sup>
    - RETF member attending: JM (time TBC)
  - International Celebration on September 18<sup>th</sup>
    - RETF member attending:
- **NK:** I will work on getting the shirts made and we can think about tabling and materials.

**8:10 pm – 8:25 pm – Equity Officer Update - Liaison Louimarre**

- This might be an opportunity to share.
  - **DA:** I have decided to step down from the RETF, not effective immediately though this will be my last meeting as a Co-Chair. It was difficult to make the decision and it is super important. I trying to recruit a person to join you. We're in a new phase acting as an advisory body – it's an exciting time and good to bring in new folks and new perspectives. Let's organize the IRL hang.
  - **SL:** Add Co-Chair voting into the next meeting. Would Consultant give presentation to this group or body? I'm not sure.
  - **CM Nesbitt:** That could be worked through City.
  - **DA:** If we plan to have the conversation, then we should plan to do the reading and the plan and share how race and equity considerations are in the draft.

**8:30pm – Adjourn Meeting – Co-chair Amador Renard**

- JM moves to adjourn; NK seconds; all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

