

Restorative Justice Steering Committee
Monday, August 9, 2021
7:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Members	Present	Absent
Patrick Wojahn, City Mayor	X	
Monroe Dennis, Councilmember, District 2	X	
Maxine Gross, Chair	X	
Andrew Fellows, co-Chair	X	
Robert Thurston	X	
Violetta Jones	X	
Dr. Joseph Richardson		X
Staff and Others		
Tone Carter, Facilitator	X	
Kiasha Barber, Staff Liaison		X
David Thornton, Staff Liaison	X	
Bill Gardiner, Asst. City Manager		X
Teresa Way-Pezzuti, HR Director		X
Terry Schum, Director of Planning		X
Carleveva Thompson, Contract Secretary	X	

I. Call to Order

Ms. Gross called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Old Business

II. Approval of July 26, 2021 meeting minutes

The Committee reviewed the July 26, 2021 meeting minutes.

Mr. Fellows motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Thurston. All members in favor, no opposed.

New Business

III. Staff Updates

Mr. Thornton provided an update that he has obtained information from 7 cities in the South and will provide a summary to the Committee for review prior to the next scheduled meeting.

Mr. Thornton also informed the Committee that a central email address is now available: racialequity@collegeparkmd.gov

IV. Explore inconsistencies and outstanding question in the Purpose, Scope, and Goals of the RJ Commission

Mr. Carter reviewed the documents in the shared drive and asked for the Committee to be consistent with the charge of the Commission throughout all documents. Mr. Thornton stated that the Communications Coordinator suggested there should be a written document and a PowerPoint presentation to capture attention of the audience once the Committee finalizes the Commission.

V. Finalize the composition, size, and term of the Commission members

The Committee reviewed the drafted composition and size of the RJSC. The current draft suggests the Commission will have 15 to 21 members and the terms for commission members will be 2 years. It was suggested to minimize the commission to 9-12 members. It was also suggested for the Commission to exist for 6 years.

Ms. Gross asked members to make edits or comments in the composition document so this can be reviewed and discussed at the next scheduled meeting.

VI. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on August 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

Mayor Wojahn motioned to adjourn the meeting. Second by Ms. Jones. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.