

Restorative Justice Commission
City of College Park
 Thursday, August 25, 2022
 7:00 p.m.
 Virtual Meeting

Members	Present	Absent
Isabella Alcaniz	X	
Zabrina Anzyl	X	
Karin Brown	X	
Robert Catlin		X
Jill Clements	X	
Andrew Fellows	X	
Maxine Gross	X	
Violetta Sharps Jones ¹	X	
A. Rashard McCreary	X	
James McShay		X
Nikki Pancho	X	
Petrella Robinson	X	
Ian Rowe	X	
Courtnie Thurston	X	
Robert Thurston	X	
Marques Washington	X	
Jody Wildy		X
Wendi Williams		X
Patrick Wojahn, City Mayor		X
Reverend Latisha Thomas Cokely	X	
Staff and Others		
Kayla Carter, Racial Equity Officer, Staff Liaison	X	
Teresa Way-Pezzuti, HR Director, Staff Liaison	X	
Kenny Young, City Manager	X	
Claudia Barragan, Consultant	X	
Barbara Schreiber, Consultant	X	
Leah Williams, Consultant	X	
Richard Biffel, Guest	X	
Carleeva Thompson, Contract Secretary	X	

¹Joined at 7:21 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Ms. Gross called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Review of July Meeting Minutes

The Commission reviewed the meeting minutes of the July 28, 2022, meeting.

Ms. Robinson motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Ms. Pancho. All members in favor; no opposed. Motion carries, 13-0-0.

III. Approval of the Agenda

The Commission reviewed the agenda for the meeting and no changes were made.

IV. Committees

Ms. Williams provided the Commission an overview of the Maryland Open Meetings Act. The Commission was informed that the Committee meetings cannot be closed meetings and will need to be scheduled as public meetings to follow the Maryland Open Meetings Act. Ms. Williams also discussed with the Commission the Compliance Checklist that should be followed for public meetings. The goal is for each Committee to meet before the September 22nd Commission meeting.

V. Restorative Justice Presence

Ms. Barragan and Ms. Williams presented to the Commission the following examples of other restorative justice programs:

- DC Alliance for Restorative Practices
- DC Office of the Attorney General Restorative Justice Program
- Emory Grove Community in Gaithersburg, MD
- River Road Moses Cemetery in Bethesda, MD
- Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation

VI. Commission Outreach

- Lakeland Day scheduled on August 27, 2022.
- Lakeland Civic Association meeting is scheduled on September 8, 2022. Meeting discussions will include the new development on Route 1 and updates on the July 12th storm.
- Good Neighbor Day scheduled on November 12th.

VII. Questions

1. Will a leader be selected for each Committee?
There is a co-Chair opportunity within each Committee.
2. How will the Committee meeting be conducted?
The Committee meetings will be public meetings and be conducted the same as the Commission meeting.
3. Do the Committee meetings need to meet before the September 22nd Commission meeting?
Yes, that is the current plan.
4. When will members be contacted regarding scheduling of the Committee meetings?
The Committee meetings will be scheduled within a week.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled on September 22, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

IX. Adjournment

Ms. Robinson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mr. Fellows. All members in favor; no opposed. Motion carries 15-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.