

## Meeting Summary of the Harriet Tubman School Advisory Council

August 9, 2018

The Harriet Tubman School Advisory Council (HTSAC) held a meeting on Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Harriet Tubman School Building. The following members were present:

Bessie Bordenave – Chair  
Patricia Thorne  
Doris Ligon  
Herman Charity  
Rev. Doug Sands  
Roberta Kelly  
Fred Dorsey  
Shawn Gladden  
Melvin Kelly  
Howard Lyles  
Kori Jones  
Everlene Cunningham  
Kristina Rose McKirahan  
Dottie Moore

Michael Kaminetz, Department of Public Works  
Caitlin Chamberlain, Department of Recreation and Parks  
John Byrd, Department of Recreation and Parks  
Lauren Myatt, Consultant  
Samuel Siegel, Consultant  
Ryan Etter, Department of Recreation and Parks

Chair Bessie Bordenave called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### Introductions

HTSAC members and County members introduced themselves.

### Approval of July 12<sup>th</sup> Minutes

Roberta Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes. Kori Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### Discussion Items

- Presentation by Melvin Kelly
  - Discussed potential programs in the different parts of the current building and future additions
- Consultant, Lauren Myatt gave an update on renovations and programming
  - Shared a color-coded chart of proposed program spaces
    - Included room purpose and desired square footage of each room
      - Harriet Tubman Foundation
      - Historic/Preservation Rooms

- Howard County Recreation and Parks
- Museum of African Arts
- Howard County Center for African American Culture (HCCAAC)
- Renovations have started and are under way on building
  - New lighting
  - Duct work
  - Carpeting
  - Expected to be finished by September 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Future trip to Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center
  - Fred Dorsey went over potential itinerary of trip and proposed potential dates
  - Members agreed on the date of September 11, 2018 for trip

### **Next Steps**

- Next meeting is Thursday, September 13, 2018.
- Share experiences and findings from trip to Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center.
- Provide visual map of proposed program space based off color-coded chart.
- Final preparations for Harriet Tubman Day on September 15, 2018.

### **Adjournment**

Bessie Bordenave moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Kori Jones and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.