

**Meeting Summary of the Harriet Tubman School Advisory Council
March 14, 2019**

The Harriet Tubman Advisory Council (HTSAC) held a meeting on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 6pm in the Harriet Tubman School Building. The following members were present:

Bessie Bordenave – Chair
Herman Charity
Everlene Cunningham
Fred Dorsey
Shawn Gladden
Kori Jones
James LeMon
Howard Lyles
Roberta Kelly
Rev. Doug Sands
Patricia Thorne

Jennifer Jones, County Executive’s Office
John Byrd, Department of Recreation and Parks
Matt Madera, Department of Recreation and Parks
Michael Kaminetz, Department of Public Works
Lauren Myatt, Consultant
Ryan Etter, Department of Recreation and Parks

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

Approval of February 14th Minutes

Motion to approve the February 14th minutes by Bessie Bordenave and seconded by Howard Lyles. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

- Lauren Myatt provided layouts of original rooms to show for potential programming.
 - Provided site map including parking lot and outdoor area
 - Provided 3D renderings of exterior, interior hallways, and auditorium
 - Current plans
 - Intention to preserve outside of the building and put in a new roof and windows
 - Critical to provide sidewalk – 5 feet wide
 - Ramps being removed because not ADA compliant, installing lifts
 - Maintaining lockers
 - New lighting
 - Renovating auditorium space in keeping with original character
- Update on procurement of display exhibit cases
 - Shawn Gladden gave an update on display cases.
 - Need space to store them
 - Made of wood and plexiglass

- Will make a list of items
 - Will bring pictures at next meeting
- Shawn Gladden will check to see if he can get 2 wood desks constructed
- African American oral history room
 - Received grant for editing equipment
 - Will transcribe oral history over the summer, hoping to be ready by fall
 - Will start this summer transcribing oral histories
- Sept 21st Celebration – Groundbreaking ceremony
 - Harriet Tubman Day, “Honoring our Pioneers”
 - Presenting Elhart Flurry Award
 - Making 60 plaques for 2017 sponsors
 - Relatives of Harriet Tubman may be available to attend
 - Construction for Auditorium in September
 - Mike Kaminetz will find out about opening the Mezzanine area before September for the ceremony
 - Code review is scheduled for April
- Bessie Bordenave proposed installing “Walk of Fame” stars on the floor for Silas Craft and Elhart Flurry
 - Looking to see if that is possible
- Bond Hearing
 - John Byrd attended
 - Went well and no questions were asked
- Upcoming events
 - June 1st event for Graduation class, about 40 people expected
 - Event on Memorial Day for Veterans
 - Flag will be replaced at 8am
 - Historical Society Council for AA – Women’s Song and the Migration
 - Good Friday Fish Fry – Friday, April 19th, 11am-5pm

Future meetings will be held in the cafeteria

Goals for Next Meeting

- Update on wood desks – Shawn Gladden
- Sponsorships

Adjournment

Bessie Bordenave moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Rev. Doug Sands and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.