

**Meeting Summary of the Harriet Tubman School Advisory Council
April 11, 2019**

The Harriet Tubman Advisory Council (HTSAC) held a meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 6pm in the Harriet Tubman School Building. The following members were present:

Bessie Bordenave – Chair
Herman Charity
Fred Dorsey
Shawn Gladden
Hannah Gorel
Kori Jones
Howard Lyles
Dottie Moore
Melvin Kelly
Roberta Kelly
Rev. Doug Sands

Jennifer Jones, County Executive’s Office
Matt Madera, Department of Recreation and Parks
Michael Kaminetz, Department of Public Works
Lauren Myatt, Consultant
Ryan Etter, Department of Recreation and Parks
Chiara D’Amore, Community Ecology Institute, Speaker

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

Approval of Agenda

Added Community Ecology Institute to agenda

Approval of March 14th Minutes

Motion to approve the March 14th minutes by Bessie Bordenave and seconded by Herman Charity. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

- Mike Kaminetz updated us on building renovations
 - Auditorium will be ready for presentation but not use in September for Harriet Tubman Day
 - Finishes and old flooring will be restored
 - Dry wall ceiling
 - Current wood doors are inefficient so proposing new energy efficient doors that are up to code
 - Classroom will be restored by September
 - Will restore old chairs
 - Bessie to find pictures of old chairs

- Lauren Myatt shared layout of auditorium
 - Showed lighting and flooring plan
 - Recommended to get new doors instead of restoring
- Update on procurement of display exhibit cases
 - Plexi cases
 - A variety of different sizes are available
 - Need to make decisions and determine where to store
- Sponsorships
 - Still looking for sponsors
- Community Ecology Institute
 - Chiara D'Amore spoke about potential collaboration with ecology center and Harriet Tubman Building
 - Recreation and Parks Programming
 - In process of buying the farm across the street from Tubman building
 - Working with Shaw (owner) farm to preserve farm (6.4 acres)
 - Make available to community
 - Programming of natural green space with Harriet Tubman Foundation
- New business
 - June 1st – Event for class of 1957/1958
 - Flag Raising Memorial Day – 7:45am
- Shawn Gladden met with Central Maryland African American Genealogical Society to see how they can be involved with the Harriet Tubman Building
- Need to solidify money coming in and costs
 - Bond bill from state (\$300K) + matching county \$ marked for renovation (\$300K)
 - Rec & Parks to work out costs

Goals for Next Meeting

- Facility rental costs
- Discussing 2 rooms of building to figure out how they will be used
- Sponsorships
- HTASC – goals for next year

Adjournment

Shawn Gladden moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Rev. Doug Sands and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:41pm.