## County Executive of Howard County, Maryland

Executive Order: 2022-08 Dated: May 12, 2022

**Subject: Public Facilities and Spaces** 

**Report Evaluation and Action** 

Commission

WHEREAS, public facilities and spaces named in the past were often given names that are reflective of the values of the period in which the facility or space was named; and

WHEREAS, those values frequently reflected the systemic racism and biases of that time period and were oppressive to African American, indigenous Americans, and other communities of color; and

WHEREAS, I strongly believe that our public facilities and spaces must reflect today's values that favor and embrace inclusion and diversity; and

WHEREAS, in light of this, I created a Public Facilities and Spaces Commission by the issuance of Executive Order No. 2021-01 to review the names of public facilities and spaces and the relevant history surrounding the namesake through the lens of whether the namesake participated in the oppression of African Americans, indigenous Americans, and other communities of color and whether the namesake contributed to the nation's history of systemic racism and similar biases; and

WHEREAS, the Commission issued its Report and there are certain follow-up actions that now need to occur.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED** that the Public Facilities and Spaces Report Evaluation and Action Commission is established. The duties and responsibilities of the Public Facilities and Spaces Report Evaluation and Action Commission are as follows:

1. Review the Public Spaces Commission Report, issued on November 5, 2021;

- 2. Complete and implement a strategic plan to obtain community feedback;
- 3. Create a plan to review names, locations obtained from community feedback;
- 4. Review public spaces that were not reviewed by the previous Commission;
- 5. Make recommendations based on the rubric created by the previous Commission and evaluate and propose changes to the rubric, as needed; and
- 6. Make recommendations based on community feedback.

## AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Public Facilities and Spaces

Commission shall consist of the following members:

- 1. Claudia Allen
- 2. Ani Begay Auld
- 3. Dr. Denise Boston
- 4. Towanda Brown
- 5. Fred Campbell
- 6. Debbie Costley
- 7. Wayne Davis
- 8. Margaret Goodlin
- 9. Marlena Jareaux
- 10. Allie Jessing
- 11. Jean Lewis
- 12. Kelly Palich
- 13. Dhaval Shah
- 14. Zana Watson
- 15. John Milton Wesley
- 16. Kim Eggborn
- 17. Zunaira Awan
- 18. Diana Li
- 19. Falgun Patel

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED** that Wayne Davis and Marlena Jareaux shall serve as co-chairs of the Public Facilities and Spaces Commission.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED,** the Public Facilities and Spaces Commission shall present its findings and recommendations to the County Executive no later than October 15, 2023.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED,** that the Public Facilities and Spaces Commission shall cease to exist on November 1, 2023 and the terms of the Commission members shall expire on November 1, 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Calvin Ball, as County Executive of Howard County, Maryland have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Howard County to be affixed this 12 day of May, 2022

Calvin Ball County Executive