

Howard County Council

Racial Equity Task Force



Meeting: Meet and Greet – Legislative Process Subgroup

Start Time: Nov. 23rd, 2020 6:30pm

End Time: Nov. 23rd, 2020 7:06pm

Task Force Member Attendees:

Rashida George
Allyson Owens
Dana Davenport
Kathryn Valentine

Beth Hufnagel
Laura Mettle
David Koralov

Council and Facilitator Attendees:

Karla Morrison-Brooks
Colette Gelwicks
Theo Wimberly
Deb Jung

Liz Walsh
Ginnie Gick
Charity Respass

Agenda:

- Introductions
 - “What do you love about Howard County?”
- Monthly Meeting Schedule
- Next Steps and Closing

Approved Minutes:

Welcome by Rashida George, Subgroup Chairperson. Ms. George facilitated introductions. The subgroup members and Council staff introduced themselves and shared information about their background, interests, and what they love about Howard County.

Colette Gelwicks, County Council staff, led a discussion on scheduling the Legislative Process subgroup’s regular monthly meeting for the duration of the Task Force. Subgroup members shared their availability and generally agreed that evening meetings would be best. The subgroup members settled on the following two potential dates and times for the regular meeting:

- 4pm – 6pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month
- 4pm – 6pm on the 3rd Monday of the month

Ms. Gelwicks shared that the final meeting date will be determined once all six subgroups have identified their respective schedules, ideally before Thanksgiving.

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Ms. Gelwicks discussed the possibility for the subgroup to establish co-captains among subgroup members to take the lead on particular tasks, such as research or writing. Ms. Gelwicks also shared that all subgroup meetings recorded, open to the public, and may have members of the public tuning in to watch the subgroup members.

Allyson Owens, Task Force member, asked about which members of the subgroup should take Open Meetings Act training, and Ms. Gelwicks replied that she would ask the Office of Law for clarification.

Kathryn Valentine, Task Force member, asked for additional information on the Task Force's first public hearing in February 2021, as well as information on how the subgroup will be operating and beginning for the first two meetings. Ms. George shared that the subgroup will be dividing work during the first meeting. Theo Wimberly, County Council staff, added that the public hearing would involve testimony from the public and typically does not involve direct participation from task force members.

Ms. George thanked the members of the subgroup for participating, asked subgroup members to share a one-word check-out for the meeting, and closed out the meeting.