

Howard County Council Racial Equity Task Force



Meeting: Racial Equity Task Force: March Subgroup Meeting, Public Health and Environmental Policy

Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Objectives:

- Learn what subgroup members uncovered in their research
- Debrief the RETF public hearing and testimony
- Learn about past and present legislation related to this subgroup
- Discuss the recommendation development process for this subgroup

Agenda:

- Welcome and check in (15 min)
 - o Roll call
 - o Approval of minutes
 - o Statement on the public hearing
 - o New leadership on the subgroup
 - o Overview of meeting objectives and agenda
 - o Check in: *Now that we have sprang forward, what are you looking forward to doing with your longer daylight hours?*
- Debrief the public hearing and testimony (15 min)
 - o Constructive insights from testimonies
- Overview of the Legislation (10 min)
 - o Share an overview of past and present legislation related to subgroup
- Update on Environmental Policy Research (20 min)
 - o Working group shares progress on environmental policy research
- Recommendation development process (40 min) - Karla
 - o Determine the process for developing recommendations
 - Overview of the process
 - Discuss timeline
 - Working groups/ Public health recommendations

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- Next steps (5 min)
 - Upcoming meetings
 - Wednesday, April 21st

Reference Items:

Task Force Purpose

As specified in the resolution, the Task Force must recommend legislative actions to the County Council to remedy racial disparities and inequities in the community by:

- reviewing indicators of disparate outcomes, findings of applicable studies best practices, and local data to ascertain pertinent information on issues related to racial equity and identifying metrics for measuring progress in improving racial equity;
- identifying new County policies and changes to County ordinances and policies that could improve racial equity;
- recommending legislation to the County Council that can be passed that will improve racial equity; and
- recommending actions that other Howard County entities, that receive County funds, can take that will improve racial equity outcomes.

Proposed Partnership Agreements

- Respect each others' time, resources, identities, experiences and expertise
- Place tech on "silent" and stay checked in
- Connect to your core values and speak from your heart
- Be accountable to your commitments and honest about your limitations
- Give each other and ourselves grace – these are unprecedented times
- Keep the Task Force purpose and specific meeting goals in mind
- Begin meetings with acknowledgement of the Piscataway people who first resided on this land