Howard County Council

Racial Equity Task Force



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Meeting: Racial Equity Task Force – Public Hearing

Date: Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Task Force Members Attending:

Allison Sayers **Jessica Coates** Aaron Johnson Jean Silver-Isenstadt Allyson Owens Jonathan Edelson **Augustin Bibum** Jonathan Branch Ayesha Holmes Jumel Howard Beth Hufnagel Kathryn Valentine **Buffy Illum** Karen Randall Candace Dodson-Reed Laura Mettle Chiara D'Amore Marcus Harris

Dana Davenport Maya Carey
David Koralov Meina Liu
Erika Chavarria Michael Allen
Grace Ko Minah Woo

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Task Force Members Not Present:

Bita Dayhoff Jonathan Studdard Rahel Petros **Bruce Nelson** Leonardo McClarty Roger Barnes Darin Atwater Lucas de Melo Sabina Taj Delora Sanchez Ifekauche Mavis Ellis TiQuoria Jackson Eduardo Ribeiro Nathaniel Alston **Vonda Orders** Herb Smith, Jr. Nia Leak Young Ran Smith Isabella Battish Paula Goodwin Zainab Chaudry Ian Kennedy Patricia Silva

Council Staff Members and Facilitators Attending:

Michael Harris
Ashley Alston
Colette Gelwicks
Felix Facchine
Charity Respass
Lauren Marra

Karla Morrison-Brooks

DRAFT Minutes:

I. Call to Order at 6:03 pm.

Allison Sayers and Karen Randall, Task Force members and subgroup Chairs, opened the meeting and introduced themselves. Other subgroup Chairs of the Racial Equity Task Force introduced themselves and briefly reviewed the purpose and progress of their respective subgroups. Following introductions, Ms. Sayers and Ms. Randall provided an overview of the Public Hearing and opportunities to provide testimony.

II. Public Hearing

The Task Force then began hearing testimony from the following members of the public:

- 1. Kristine Lockwood Education
- 2. Jennifer White for The Horizon Foundation Public Health and Environmental Policy
- 3. Christine Conn for the Environmental Sustainability Board Public Health and Environmental Policy
- 4. James Gormley for Police Accountability Task Force for Howard County Personal and Public Safety
- 5. Ayodele McClenney Education
- 6. Sarah Fishkind Education, Personal and Public Safety
- 7. David Koralov Education
- 8. Lisa Cooper Public Health and Environmental Policy
- 9. Hiruy Hadgu Land-Use and Housing Policy
- 10. Tim Lattimer Public Health and Environmental Policy, Land-Use and Housing Policy
- 11. Ming Li for Howard County Chinese School Education, Legislative Process, General
- 12. Matthew Molyett Education, Personal and Public Safety
- 13. Ainy Haider for the Howard Progressive Project Land-Use and Housing Policy, Personal and Public Safety, Education, Economic and Workforce Development, Public Health and Environmental Policy
- 14. Becca Niburg for the Foreign-Born Information and Referral Network (FIRN) Land-Use and Housing Policy, Economic and Workforce Development, Public Health and Environmental Policy
- 15. Ming Du for the Chinese American Parent Association of Howard County (CAPA-HC) General
- 16. Steven Bolen for Howard County's Citizens' Advisory Council (CAC) Personal and Public Safety
- 17. Larry Walker for African American Community Roundtable of Howard County (AACR) Economic and Workforce Development, Land-Use and Housing Policy, Education, Personal and Public Safety, General
- 18. Ade Salim General
- III. Adjourned at 7:20 pm.