



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

(301) 952-3700
County Council

Responsibility Legacy Task Force

Virtual Meeting

Friday, October 2, 2020

Minutes

Members Present:

Joseph Solomon. Chair
Gloria Lawlah, Vice Chair (CEX)
Dr. Jennifer Stabler (M-NCPPC)
Jacqueline B. Woody
Timothy Moorehead
Courtney Glass, Esq. (DPWT)

Members Absent:

Dr. David Reed (BSU)
Michael Gannon (PGCML)

Council Members Present:

Council Chair Todd M. Turner
Council Member Deni Taveras

Council Staff:

Howard Stone
Donna Whitman
Lochelle Ferguson
Isabel Williams

Others Present:

Mayor Linda Pennoyer, City of Upper Marlboro

1. Introduction of Task Force Chair, Vice Chair & Members

Task Force Chair Joseph Solomon called the first meeting of the Prince George's County Responsible Legacy Task Force County ("Legacy Task Force or LTF") meeting to order at approximately 1:10 pm. Chair Solomon welcomed everyone, and the Task Force followed with introductions.

2. Council Chair Remarks

Council Chair Todd M. Turner introduced himself, staff, and welcomed the members. He gave an overview of the charge of the Task Force, referencing CR-9-2020; the Resolution that established the Task Force. He further stated that the Task Force is charged with providing a report to the Council on or

before June 30, 2021; although the deadline for the report due date can be extended. Council Chair Turner clarified that his role was to get the Task Force started. He emphasized the importance of the Mission and Goals of the Task Force.

Council Member Deni Taveras, the sponsor of CR-9-2020, later joined the meeting and gave rationale for the legislation.

3. Open Discussion

The Task Force members discussed the legislation and agreed that they were responsible for reviewing all County monuments, parks, street names, county buildings and other places of honor and creating a process to determine the future of names linked to a prejudiced past. The team discussed its purpose and questioned, “how do we evaluate and put things in full context?” The overwhelming response was to create a process and establish guidelines. The team agreed to begin this process by performing the following:

- 1) Create an inventory of all monuments, parks, street names, county buildings and other places of honor for which Prince George’s County has responsibility. The initial Resolution included the PGCPS. They were removed because PGCPS created its own Task Force.
- 2) Context: Put everything in context.
- 3) Create guidelines for making determination.

The meeting further discussion that the scope of the Task Force resided at the County level and the work of the Task Force, to develop a criterion, resided with the Task Force Members. The following assignments occurred:

Courtney Glass (DPWT): Streets and Roadways
Michael Gannon (PGCMLS): Libraries and Rooms within the building
Jennifer Stabler (MNCPPC): Parks, Monuments and Places of Honor
Howard Stone – Office of Central Services/County Court System

4. Future Briefings/Speakers

5. Next Meetings

Next Meeting – Friday November 6, 2020 – 10:00 am

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.