

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY RESPONSIBLE LEGACY TASK FORCE

Minutes

October 02, 2020

Members Present

Chairperson Joseph Solomon, Vice Chair Gloria Lawlah, Dr. Jennifer Stabler, Jackie B. Woody, Timothy Moorehead, Courtney Glass, and Council Chair Todd Turner

Members Absent

Dr. David Reed (BSU) and Michael Gannon (PGCMLS)

Staff

Howard Stone, Donna Whitman and Lochelle Ferguson

Chairperson Joseph Solomon called the first meeting of the Prince George's County Responsible Legacy Task Force to order. Chair Solomon welcomed everyone, and the Task Force followed with introductions.

The 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.

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 the legislation, CR-009-2020 and Mayor Linda Pennoyer, City of Upper Marlboro, joined the meeting.

The meeting concluded with a 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