



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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County Council

Responsible Legacy Task Force

Virtual Meeting

Friday, December 4, 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)
Michael Gannon (PGCML)

Members Absent:

Dr. David Reed (BSU)

Council Members Present:

Council Chair Todd M. Turner

Council Staff:

Howard Stone
Donna Whitman
Lochelle Ferguson
Shirley Anglin

Others Present:

Dr. Ivory Toldson, Howard University, School of Education

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

The regular meeting of the Responsible Legacy Task Force was virtually called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 4, 2020 by Task Force Chair Solomon. The Agenda for the meeting was distributed and approved.

2. Approval of October 2, 2020 Minutes

The Task Force approved of Meeting Minutes from November 6, 2020.

3. Guest Speaker

Dr. Ivory Toldson from Howard University, School of Education: Dr. Toldson discussed the impact of racial miseducation in our public schools. He suggested several books including “No BS (Bad Stats): Black People Need People Who Believe Black People Enough Not to Believe Every Bad Thing about Black People”. He discussed the importance of this Task Force and how we are charged with changing the minds and images of our communities.

4. Review of County Facilities and Process

The Task Force discussed the need for staff to assume certain responsibilities including but not limited to the accuracy of the inventories. We suggested the need for Sub-Committees.

5. Discussion – Criteria Development

- Chair Solomon suggested that we consider a Phased Approach
 - Phase 1 – the Inventory
 - Phase 2 – a separate process for street names, buildings and monuments
- He also suggested the Stanford Approach. (slide 7 of presentation)
- CM Turner suggested a general criterion based on the subject matter. He reminded the Task Force members that the evaluation should have Public Participation and Community Input.
- There were comments regarding what is considered “conduct unbecoming”? Does this only include racist views and white supremacy?
- Ms. Glass questioned whether we planned to include misogynistic views, economic disenfranchisement, Native Americans and LGBTQ groups.
- The Task Force discussed “What is honorable conduct”? Suggestions included:
 - Trailblazers in Prince George’s County
 - Those who made a significant in history in Prince George’s County
 - Those with commitment to Public Service
 - Sports and Entertainment Celebrities
 - People who lost their life
 - People who fought against slavery

6. Updates/Future Briefings/Speakers

Howard Stone provided an update from the Prince George’s County Public School Renaming Work Group that they have postponed additional work during to the COVID-19 emergency.

7. Next Meetings

Next Meeting – Friday January 8, 2021 – 10:00 am

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50.