

**Restorative Justice Steering Committee**  
Monday, July 12, 2021  
7:00 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting

Members	Present	Absent
Patrick Wojahn, City Mayor	X	
Monroe Dennis, Councilmember, District 2		X
Maxine Gross, Chair	X	
Andrew Fellows, co-Chair	X	
Robert Thurston	X	
Violetta Jones	X	
Dr. Joseph Richardson	X	
<b>Staff and Others</b>		
Tone Carter, Facilitator	X	
Kiasha Barber, Staff Liaison	X	
David Thornton, Staff Liaison	X	
Bill Gardiner, Asst. City Manager		X
Teresa Way-Pezzuti, HR Director	X	
Terry Schum, Director of Planning		X
Richard Biffl, Guest	X	
Carleveva Thompson, Contract Secretary	X	

**I. Call to Order**

Ms. Gross called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Old Business**

**II. Approval of June 28, 2021 meeting minutes**

The Committee reviewed the June 28, 2021 meeting minutes.

**Mr. Thurston motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Ms. Gross. All members in favor, no opposed.**

**New Business**

**III. Introduction of New Race and Equity Hire**

Mr. Thornton has joined the City of College Park as the Race and Equity Officer and will serve as a staff liaison to the RJSC.

**IV. Walkthrough of RJSC Google Doc Folder**

Mr. Carter provided the Committee an overview of the shared folders available in the Google Drive. Ms. Gross provided an overview of the documents that were uploaded as resources for the Committee to review.

**V. Draft a proposed purpose, scope of work, and goals for the Restorative Justice Commission**

The Committee will break into the following small groups to focus on creating the proposed purpose, scope of work and goals for the RJSC:

Purpose – Mr. Fellows, Mr. Carter

Scope – Ms. Gross, Dr. Richardson

Goals – Mayor Wojahn, Ms. Jones, Mr. Thurston

Each group should have their designated folders on the Google Drive updated by July 21<sup>st</sup> to be prepared for discussion at the July 26<sup>th</sup> scheduled meeting.

**VI. Explore revised Restorative Justice Definition**

The Committee reviewed the updated definition of restorative justice:

“Restorative Justice is a process that involves those who have an individual or institutional stake in altering an individual or group, to collectively identify and address harms, needs, and obligations in order to hear and put things as right as possible.”

**VII. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on July 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Mayor Wojahn motioned to adjourn the meeting. Second by Ms. Gross. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.