

Restorative Justice Steering Committee

Monday, July 26, 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
Staff and Others		
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
Carleveva Thompson, Contract Secretary	X	

I. Call to Order

Mr. Fellows called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Old Business

II. Approval of July 12, 2021 meeting minutes

The Committee reviewed the July 12, 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. Review Tasks Assigned July 12, 2021 Meeting

The Committee reviewed the assignments that were discussed during the July 12th meeting of drafting a purpose, scope of work and goals of the RJSC. There was a suggestion to include the work by the Lakeland Community Heritage Project and the

University of Maryland into the scope of work for the RJSC. There was also a suggestion to have the project video recorded so it would be available for the Lakeland community. Ms. Gross stated a task is included in the scope of work to hire a media specialist to memorialize phases of the restorative justice process.

IV. Explore the composition, size, and term of the Commission members

a. Composition of RJSC

Mr. Carter proposed an idea to the Committee of creating sub-committees to focus on specific tasks and goals of the Committee.

b. Term of Commission members

Mayor Wojahn stated the idea is to have the Commission be a long term role and possibly turn into a human rights commission. The current idea is to have members serve a 2-year term and assess membership at the end of the 2-year term. Ms. Gross proposed the Commission be able to complete their term up to the current recommendations of restorative action. If the Commission is transitioned into a human rights group, the traditional membership of a rotating 3-year term should apply. Mr. Thurston suggested to have members join who had a part or were involved in the harms of Lakeland.

V. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on August 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

VI. Adjournment

Mayor Wojahn motioned to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mr. Thurston. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.