

City of Hyattsville  
Health, Wellness, and Recreation Advisory Committee  
Agenda  
7:00-8:30 PM  
May 26, 2022

**Committee Attendees:** Alissa Scheller, Erica Thomas, Peter Stockus, Anita Shelton, Dyann Waugh, Marylyn Presutti

**Staff Liaison:** Cheri Everhart

**Attendees:** Sam Denes/Joanne Waszczak

- The meeting commenced at 7:15 pm EDT.
  - The meeting ended at 8:55pm EDT.
1. Reflection - Committee Chair Pete Reiniger
    - a. Discussed memories of Pete, he made many contributions to the city and committee and will be missed
    - b. Dyann Waugh drafted a card to his family from the committee
  2. Amend/Approve minutes from April Meeting
    - a. Dyann Waugh stated Dr. Camara Jones will give presentation remotely if committee wants
    - b. Anita Shelton motioned to accept minutes, Marylyn Presutti seconded, all in favor
  3. Discuss / Select new Committee Chair
    - a. No nominations, can revisit at next meeting
    - b. Cheri Everhart will seek clarification from City Clerk on appointing Committee Chair
      - i. Chair should be reelected every year, but Don Burger has held position for several years

- ii. Peter Stockus motioned to table committee chair discussion, Anita Shelton seconded, all in favor

4. June Spanish Language Mental Health First Aid Classes

- a. Cheri Everhart and Dyann Waugh have worked on this, have chosen Saturday, June 25
- b. Instructors are available for Spanish language mental health first aid for youth
  - i. Dyann Waugh clarified this class is not for youth, it is for adults who work with youth
  - ii. Different information for attendees in either class, section on youth development with regard to mental health
  - iii. Cheri Everhart notes this was a very impactful program, can be very useful in all aspects of people's lives, but not a class meant for young people
- c. Both rooms are reserved, Cheri Everhart will put out Google form for people to register
- d. There is pre-work for attendees
- e. Dyann Waugh concerned since these are in Spanish, how do we expand outreach
  - i. Cheri Everhart notes we've talked about this, will be communicating through schools and parent engagement staff (at all levels of schools)
  - ii. Will be sent directly to churches as well – city has a good relationship with St. Matthew's and will be speaking to them on how to best expand outreach to Spanish-speaking residents
- f. Joanne Waszczak asked if there was ability for people to take both general and youth Spanish classes, there is not as they are being held on same day
  - i. Cheri Everhart notes this may be possible in future sessions
- g. Minimum 5 enrollment, maximum of 30



- c. Need to run survey in English and Spanish
- d. Survey was circulated at city events like Summer Jam – asked residents to fill out paper survey
- e. Also set up as an online survey – possibly SurveyMonkey or Google
  - i. Previous survey was run on platform city no longer uses
- f. Dyann Waugh notes we need to run survey again because we are planning for next year, things have changed with COVID, virtual events are more common
  - i. Livestreamed or recorded events may reach more people
- g. Sam Denes added a copy of 2018 survey to Google Drive shared with committee members
  - i. Alissa Scheller suggests adding COVID topics
  - ii. Peter Stockus suggests adding bike/pedestrian safety topics
    - 1. Joanne Waszczak notes there is an upcoming walk with State Delegate Alonzo Washington on East West Highway to talk about pedestrian safety – may be a good opportunity for committee to learn about pedestrian safety assessments, see if it's possible to do similar things in the city
      - a. Anita Shelton asks if Joanne Waszczak has been in touch with Delegate Washington -- JW will let City Clerk know and send a note to Delegate Washington's office
      - b. An informal local group on Hyattsville street design started by council member Danny Schaible will attend
      - c. Important to see perspectives of those with disabilities, varying ages, bicyclists – sometimes walk audits will give participants specific roles

- d. Several committee members will try to attend
- iii. Anita Shelton asks are residents aware of what ward they live in? Especially newcomers or those who don't vote.
    1. Sam Denes notes we can add a link to online version, suggests adding "don't know" checkbox
    2. Don't make it a required question in online form
    3. Wards may be changing due to Census
  - iv. Anita Shelton asks if we should add any demographic information, specifically age – how to reach younger residents
    1. Joanne Waszczak suggests adding checkbox on age ranges – note that this is anonymous survey
    2. Maybe worth asking teens at teen center/tutoring about topics they are interested in
      - a. Cheri Everhart notes past focus groups of teens have shown they want amenities like gathering space, charging stations etc
      - b. Cheri Everhart will share with teen programs
  - v. Alissa Scheller suggests adding a topic on violence – interpersonal, hate crime etc.
    1. Anita Shelton questions if it's too big of a topic for this survey, wants to make sure we'd be able to address, how would we address?
    2. Dyann Waugh notes if many people check it, it would be a topic to address in programming

- a. Would we address with mental health programming – PGCPs put on an event for mental health that DW found very informative
    - b. Point of survey is to find out the need for programming
  - 3. Anita Shelton notes there's a monthly meeting for teens on mental health run by NAMI of Prince George's County – Cheri Everhart notes this is shared on city's Facebook page
  - 4. Question about keeping people feeling safe in their community or adding as a topic people might want to learn more about
    - a. Societal vs personal violence – people fear many types of violence, perhaps keep general "fear of violence"
    - b. There is space for comments if people want to expand
  - vi. Peter Stockus notes recent DPW survey included age ranges, can copy that question
- 6. Thrive Grant amended schedule
  - a. Started work on this in last meeting
  - b. Can't post anything about next cycle until July
  - c. Tabling until next meeting
- 7. Possible Speakers series programs for FY23
  - a. Dyann Waugh notes survey hopefully will give direction to FY23 speakers
  - b. Peter Stockus brings up possible event with Arrow Bicycle and Hyattsville police on youth bike safety
    - i. Cheri Everhart notes this is something police have done in the past, popular event

- ii. May make sense to do in fall when school resumes
- iii. Peter Stockus will follow up
- iv. Sam Denes notes several local MD police/park police will hold a “bike rodeo” soon, we could do something similar. May be a challenge to get it in Driskell Park with other events

## 8. New Business

- a. Summer Jam is June 17 – do we want visibility at event? Too soon
- b. Following is July 15, August 19 (also international fair), September 16
- c. Need to think about what we could do at those events, visibility for committee
- d. First Tuesday in August (2<sup>nd</sup>) is National Night Out, Cheri Everhart notes it always draws a big crowd
- e. Arts and Ales is September 17 (not a city event)
- f. City jams will be held in different city parks
  - i. June -- Hyatt Park, in celebration of Juneteenth (confirmed)
  - ii. July - The Spot (tentative)
  - iii. August -- Heurich Park (tentative)
  - iv. September -- City Building (tentative)

## 9. Adjourn

- a. Anita Shelton motions to adjourn at 8:55 pm, Peter Stockus seconds, all in favor
- b. Meeting adjourns at 8:55 pm