

**CITY OF HYATTSVILLE**  
**PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**JUNE 28, 2022**

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**1. Introduction of Committee & Guest Members (7:00 PM)**

- Maureen Foster, Committee Chair
- Greg Barnes, Committee Member
- Marshall, Committee Member
- Will Seath, Committee Member
- Taylor Robey, Staff Liason
- Cindy Zork, City of Hyattsville
- Ben Simasek, Council Liason
- Jess Myhre

**2. Redistricting Committee**

- Presentation
  - Cindy Zork, Communication Manager for City of Hyattsville, and staff liaison for Redistricting Committee
  - Every 10 years the city is required based on charter to reassess ward boundaries based on population
    1. Important to ensure equal representation by council, no more than +/- 10% variation between wards
    2. Last done in 2010 after the 2010 census
    3. Committee will provide guidance on boundaries to ensure compact, contiguous boundaries and consider natural boundaries, homeowners associations, and future developments.
    4. Only effect City Council boundaries, does not affect school or county boundaries.
  - Ad hoc Task Force will include 9 members representing all five wards and one member from Planning Committee, Election Board, Ethics Commission, Educational Advisory Committee, Race and Equity Task Force, and up to four (4) additional community members.
    1. There was 12 applications for the four additional spots
  - Timeline
    1. Kick off was Monday June 26, 2022, next meeting will be July 13<sup>th</sup>.

2. Engagement will continue throughout the summer
  3. Drafting and public hearings for proposed maps (3-4) in September and October 2022
  4. Goal: Adoption of new map and amendment to the charter in November 2022
- Clarifying Questions and Comments
    - Marshall: meetings started in June?
      1. Cindy: First meeting was Monday June 26.
      2. Marshall: What is the total number of committee members?
      3. Cindy: Nine
      4. Marshall: Is the language designation a city designation or a state/federal designation?
      5. Cindy: There is no federal guideline around this. This was a recommendation based on our research on redistricting
    - Will: Will there be a Ward 2 election for City Council given the results of the recent election? Is the date for that set? Will that impact this process?
      1. Cindy: It will take place in the Fall, Election Board is deciding on the date tonight. Charter states we need to do this within 90 days.
  - Formalize Cliff's Appointment to Redistricting Committee
    - Selected for his involvement with the Planning Committee and Ward 5 resident. Emailed Planning Committee informing of this.
    - Taylor: Does the Committee need to do anything further to formalize Cliff's appointment?
      1. Cindy: We are good based the email conversations we had.

### **3. 2022 – 2026 Community Sustainability Plan**

- Overview of Schedule and Process
  - Done every five years, last plan was adopted in 2016.
  - 2022 – 2026 effort has begun.
  - Currently conducting Stakeholder SWOT Interviews. Anticipated completion of this portion of the process in July.
  - We will hire a consult to help with facilitating the planning sessions and reviewing the plan. Bids just closed, reviewing now.
  - Will move into community engagement sessions in September and October 2022. Dates are still being solidified.
  - Planning Committee has helped with facilitating engagement sessions in previous plans. Would like to use the group again for facilitation

- Maureen: For those who have not participated before, it's a lot of fun. You get to hear what people think of the city, misconceptions, what they're concerned about, what they are proud of. Sign me up.
- CM Simasek: Have you discussed the format of the community engagement sessions? Will they be in person? Where?
  1. Yes. We have spoken with the Hyattsville Library. We would like to take advantage of their community space. We have also spoken with some of the local schools, specifically Nicholas Orem and Northwestern to see if they could accommodate.
- Planning Committee Involvement
  - In last iteration of the plan, Planning Committee assisted Econ Dept with facilitating community engagement sessions
- Questions Comments
  - Where will these sessions be held?
    1. TBD. We have reached out to the Hyattsville Library as well as several local schools who have indicated they are willing to host.

#### **4. Development Update**

- Canvas (Armory) Apartments
  - Under construction
  - Estimated completion 2024 (check)
- Rhode Island Trolley Trail
  - Groundbreaking on Wednesday June 29
  - Estimated 18-month construction timeline
- Suffrage Point
  - District Council hearing to review the remand scheduled for Tuesday July 12
  - Will: Remind us, the remand is only having to do with the density calculation?
    1. Taylor: Correct, it is limited in scope as to whether they will be using gross density or net density.
  - CM Simsaek: Is there a 30-day notice requirement?
    1. Taylor: To be honest, I do not have much experience dealing with remands to the District Council. Jim has reached out to the Clerk of the County Council I do not think he has heard back. I will follow up on this.
    2. CM Simasek: I might connect with him Friday since we don't have a Council meeting before then.

#### **5. Committee Business**

- Approve October 2021 minutes
  - Approved (4-0)

## **6. Additional Questions & Discussion**

- CM Simasek: The Development Projects page on the City's website is helpful for keeping up to date on projects. Can we work to update that?
  - Taylor: Yes, in the process of updating the static webpages. We are also working to update the development review StoryMap.
- Marshall: In a future meeting, could we get an update on the development of the new police station project?
  - Taylor: Sure thing. I will get an update on that to share for next meeting.
- Maureen: Do you think we'll have a meeting in July?
  - Taylor: TBD. I do not anticipate we will have developments to review. I will confirm with Jim.
  - Maureen: Maybe updates/training for Sustainability Plan and community engagement sessions?
- Will: Is there an update on when we plan to return to in person Committee Meetings?
  - Taylor: I have not heard anything but I can check on that.
  - CM Simasek: City Administrator said not before September, dependent on hybrid set up in the building.

## **7. Adjourn (7:40 PM)**