

City of Takoma Park  
**Façade Advisory Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
Tuesday, November 10, 2020

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**Members Present:** Bobbi Kittner, Lucy Moore, Lorraine Pearsall, Eric Sepler, Malcolm Williams

**Members Absent:** Nicholas Corcoran, Anne Fothergill,

**Staff Present:** Roz Grigsby

**Alternate:** Jim DiLuigi (absent)

**Guests:** none

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1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Minutes – postponed; October minutes were not distributed in advance.
3. Old Business
  - a. Code and by-laws and race equity  
The board discussed how to approach the conversation. One recommendation was to frame the conversation: What does the Board do and why? How does this serve the community well? How does it pertain to improving racial equity? What is the mission and what drives the work?

The Board discussed the need to be more diverse, inclusive and available for people to participate. The Board also discussed the need to be engaged with the businesses and more representative of the business owners, which are more diverse now than they were 10 years ago.

The Board discussed the scope of their work and the possibility of expanding beyond Old Takoma to include the Takoma-Langley area and businesses City-wide. What is the role of preservation in issues of race and equity in the community? Whose history is preserved and told? Buildings are an essential tool in the process, but the work must also include the people.

Next Steps: The Board will explore the process and impact of expanding its base and looking at a City-wide focus, beyond the historic district. For the next meeting, Board members will bring a recommendation or two to discuss as part of a memo to Council.

4. The meeting adjourned.

Zoom recording:

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