

**Minutes of the Takoma Park Nuclear Free Committee  
7:30-8:30 PM, Lilac Room, Community Center, July 9, 2019**

**In attendance: Reid Baron, Julie Boddy, Paul Gunter (minutes)**

There was the usual frustrated discussion on the effort to petition the City to divest from Sun Trust in support of “Don’t Bank on the Bomb.” There is no new activity or report on what the City is doing. The Committee only has an advisory role to the City. There is a general understanding among committee members that the City will require equivalence and reliability of services and comparable equity will have to be guaranteed before it will transfer funds from Sun Trust. The Sun Trust location is conveniently local particularly for city workers who cash their checks at the local bank. City has a legal opinion that it is in compliance with the ordinance. Public banking was once again discussed but it is not a viable option and it is reasonable that the City is not going to experiment with funds. Reid said he would re-read the city code for any new ideas and approaches for discussing any new approach at next meeting. Reid will write out his ideas for future discussion of any new approach to city, possibly to include a proposed amendment to the Nuclear Free Zone Ordinance.

Reminder of NFTPCC is sharing a table at the Takoma Park Folk Festival on September 8, 2019 with Beyond Nuclear. Inventory of material is needed and any restocking that will be necessary taken care of.

Julie raised the idea of the committee creating a Nuclear Free Calendar for public distribution. She mentioned approaching Pomegranate Press as an option. Briefly discussed noting that there could be considerable expense involved in design and production. There is also the considerable investment of time and work in putting together the nuclear free theme and associating it with calendar dates.

There was a brief discussion on finding new committee members without results.

There was a brief discussion on an approach of the Takoma Park Youth Council for collaborative work with the committee but there is no interest on their part.

The next scheduled meeting is August 13, 2019. The attending committee members determined that attendance would likely be less than the three members presently attending. Therefore, the committee will recess for the month of August. The next regularly scheduled meeting after that is 7:30 to 8:30 PM, September 10, 2019.