



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – November 3, 2021 Agenda Item 3

Work Session

Update on Review of Reimagining Public Safety Task Force Recommendations

Recommended Council Action

Hear the update from staff.

Context with Key Issues

The Task Force to Reimagine Public Safety presented its report to the City Council on July 13, 2021. City staff from all departments have reviewed the recommendations and will update the City Council on the task force recommendations the city has implemented or began implementing, the on-going review of recommendations, and discuss next steps.

Housing and Community Development (HCD) Director Alexander Cross, Department of Recreation Director Gregory Clark, City Communications Manager Donna Wright, and Chief of Police Antonio DeVaul will be presenting and prepared to answer Councilmember questions.

Council Priority

Engaged, responsive, and service-oriented government.

Environmental Considerations

This action has little to no environmental impact.

Fiscal Considerations

To be determined.

Racial Equity Considerations

The population of Takoma Park is majority people of color. The history of racism in this country has led to many current day disparities in education and job attainment, housing, and healthcare, as well as disproportionate incarceration rates for people of color. There has been a history of a strained relationship between communities of color and the police in our country. Recent high-profile incidents involving police using unnecessary force resulting in the death of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and other people of color has caused the nation to demand change to the current public safety model in our country. The Takoma Park Reimagining Public Safety Task Force was put together to reimagine public safety in Takoma Park and ensure racial justice.

Attachments and Links

[Task Force to Reimagine Public Safety Report \(July 2021\)](#)