

**City of Takoma Park
Reimagining Public Safety Task Force
3.23.21 Meeting Summary
6 pm – 8 pm**

AGENDA

I. Welcome & Introductions

- a. Task Force Members
- b. Takoma Park Council Members
- c. LINK Strategic Partners and Expectant Advisory (LINK) Facilitators

II. Overview of City Government Departments

The purpose of the second Task Force meeting was to provide a baseline understanding of how various city agencies interact with public safety, to inform the group's work and upcoming formation of subcommittees. The Task Force heard an overview presentation from each of the following departments explaining the department's purpose, its organizational structure, key data points, and how the agency sees its intersection with public safety. Each presentation was followed by a Q&A session with Task Force members.

- a. City of Takoma Park Overview – *City Manager, Suzanne Ludlow*
 - i. City Manager Ludlow provided an overview of City Government structure and City Services.
- b. Overview of Housing and Community Development – *Housing Manager, Grayce Wiggins and Economic Development Manager, Samira Cook Gaines*
 - i. Questions covered topics related to support for individuals experiencing homelessness, sharing data, affordable housing, etc.
- c. Overview of Recreation – *Director, Gregory Clark*
 - i. Questions covered topics related to program utilization at the rec center, potential program expansion, and traffic safety concerns surrounding the rec center.
- d. Overview of Public Works – *Director, Daryl Braithwaite*
 - i. Questions covered topics related to sidewalk repair plans, infrastructure repair and funding challenges, and potential federal support for road redesign of New Hampshire avenue in the future.
- e. Overview of Police Department – *Police Chief Tony DeVaul*

- i. Questions covered topics related to social justice and mental health training for officers, crisis intervention supports, communication channels between school leadership and the police force, Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights, traffic and arrest data, etc.

III. Closeout & Next Steps

- a. Subcommittees:
 - i. The Task Force will form subcommittees based on key themes and goals to allow for a deeper-dive into specific topics.
- b. Before the next meeting, the Task Force will bring possible subcommittee themes via the following guiding questions:
 - i. Based on discussions from the last meeting and after hearing from some City Agencies, what are some of the themes you've heard?
 - ii. What are the subcategories on which you want this group to focus?
 - iii. Are there keywords that come to mind? (Ex. Mental Health and Wellness, Social Services & Recreation, etc.)
- a. The next meeting will take place March 30th from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm and will primarily focus on small group discussions with Task Force members.