TAKOMA PARK
REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY
TASK FORCE
**Purpose**: The purpose of the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force is to develop recommendations that make Takoma Park a safer, more livable community for all residents, with an emphasis on addressing racial inequalities that exist in government and services evolving around public safety. This Task Force is our opportunity to bring new voices into the process as we take stock of what is working, what is not, and as we explore best practices in public safety.
• Enter with Curiosity. When things get difficult, turn to wonder. It is ok to ask clarifying questions.
• It’s OK to disagree respectfully and openly, without being disagreeable.
• Mute your microphone, until you are about to speak.
• Use the raise hand feature or show hand in the camera when ready to speak.
• Use the chat as a space for gathering thoughts.
• Listen to understand, not to respond.
• Disagreement is encouraged, but being disagreeable (by behavior) is not.
• Stay mentally and physically present.
• Make it a brave space – fearlessly share ideas, ask questions, and contribute unconditionally.
• Respect each other’s thinking and value everyone’s contributions.
• Speak in “rough draft” – we are all learners.
• Bring your thoughtfulness to your responses by being concise so that others may have time to speak.
• Seek first to understand, then to be understood.
• Listen attentively to others...don’t interrupt.
• Attack the problem, not the person.
• We are all contributors to the entire process.
• Use “I” statements.
• Assume good intentions.
Community Quality of Life

• This subcommittee will consider the intersection of public safety and quality of life issues, including housing, mental health, and more, as well as the implications for Takoma Park programs, policies, and budget.

Facilitator: Jevin D. Hodge

Committee Members:

§ Sawa Kamara*
§ Duane Scott
§ Ajmel Quereshi
§ Emil Parker
§ Christina Morado
Alternatives, Methods, and Responses

- This subcommittee will assess Takoma Park’s current policing practices for emergency and non-emergency calls, including calls related to mental health. Also, this subcommittee will compare and contrast new potential approaches and best practices that may apply to Takoma Park.

Facilitator: Cordell Carter II

Committee Members:
- Jide Atoyebi
- Sadie Cheston-Harris
- Michael Rubin
- Cedric Boatman
- Xitlalli Velasquez
Community Engagement and Transparency

- This subcommittee will evaluate practices and policies related to sharing data and budget information among the public as well as efforts to engage community partners in public safety efforts. Additionally, this subcommittee will review existing efforts and consider new approaches to recruiting and retaining public safety professionals.

**Facilitator:** Jamal Holtz

**Committee Members:**
- Adam Braskich
- Lauren Van Tol
- Jumana Musa
- Kiminori Nakamura