

## Minutes

### Wednesday

September 21, 2022

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Charles Houston Recreation Center

901 Wythe Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: All present confirmed their attendance.
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Ms. Buttar made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded, and members approved.
3. City Council Opening Comments: None.
4. Public Comment: None.
5. Task Force History and Expectation: Mr. White gave a brief history of the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force and stated that members must attend 75 percent of all meetings. Chairman Dillon emphasized the importance of attending meetings.

He requested that members share their “Why”, why they wanted to be a part of the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force. Member’s “Why included profession and, personal reasons.

6. Task Force 3 – 5 year plan Action Plan: Chairman Dillion read the vision and mission statement. The vision: Safety, Support, and Opportunity for All, and the mission statement: Create a gang free community through collaboration, community outreach and advocacy.

Ms. Torres reviewed developmental assets and stated that developmental assets are a framework as in what framework do we want for gang prevention. Ms. Buttar reviewed local data related to youth and developmental assets and discussed the top 40 developmental assets.

7. Chairman’s Report: Chairman Dillon proposed meeting an additional time this year to keep up momentum. Mr. Mackey explained that historically the Gang Prevention Community Task Force meets the third Wednesday of October, January, March, and May and offered October 19 as a suggestion.

Chairman Dillon proposed that the Gang Prevention Community Task Force champion three efforts: increased funding for IPE for additional staff in order to reduce their waitlist. The Chairman volunteered to write a letter to City Council requesting additional funds. He will share



the letter with members of this body for possible edits. More activities for youth and have focus groups.

8. Past and Upcoming Events:

Past

Youth Block Party: September 10th 3 to 7pm at Patrick Henry Recreation Center

Upcoming

Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Alexandria: Tuesday, October 4 from 6-7:30 p.m. at Charles Houston Recreation Center

HBCU Festival: October 7th and 8th, seminars to help students and parents prepare for getting into college

Ms. Buttar mentioned Youth Ambassadors. Youth will be paid. Will request contact information and share with members.

9. Adjourn: The meeting ended at 8:00pm