



The City of Glenarden
Special Regular Meeting (Virtual)
Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 7:00 PM
Minutes

Attendees:

Council President – Derek D. Curtis, II
Council Vice President – Angela D. Ferguson
Councilwoman – Erika L. Fareed
Councilwoman – Kathleen J. Guillaume
Councilman – Maurice A. Hairston
Councilman – James A. Herring
Councilwoman – Robin Jones
Mayor – Cashenna A. Cross

Additional Attendees:

Human Resources – Karen Shoultz
Prince George's County Park Police – Lt. Walters

- Called to Order at 7:00 PM
- Invocation led by Councilwoman Erika L. Fareed
- Roll Call
Councilwoman – Erika L. Fareed – Present
Councilwoman – Kathleen J. Guillaume - Absent
Councilman – Maurice A. Hairston – Present
Councilman – James A. Herring – Present
Councilwoman – Robin Jones – Present
Council Vice President – Angela D. Ferguson – Present
Council President – Derek D. Curtis, II – Present
Present 6, Absent 1
- Motion to Adopt Agenda
Councilwoman Robin Jones to adopt the agenda – Second by Council Vice President Angela D. Ferguson.

Councilwoman – Erika L. Fareed - Yes
Councilwoman – Kathleen J. Guillaume - Absent
Councilman – Maurice A. Hairston - Yes
Councilman – James A. Herring - No
Councilwoman – Robin Jones - Yes
Council Vice President – Angela D. Ferguson - Yes
Council President – Derek D. Curtis, II - Yes

5 Yes, 1 No = PASSED

- Presentation by Park Police: Policing around the Community Center
 - **PG Park Police Lt. Walters** – Over the course of a year the Glenarden Community Center as seen over 600 instances of police activity with the majority being property checks; 6% were other calls:
 - 8 Park Rules Violations
 - 9 Alarm Activity
 - 6 Suspicious Situations
 - 1 Traffic Stop
 - 1 Arson Case
 - 1 Sexual Assault Case
 - 2 Recovered Property Case
 - 1 Drug Possession Case
 - 1 Vandalism Case
 - 1 Community Engagement Case
 - 1 Automobile Collision
 - **President Curtis** – What are the best ways to contact the PG Park Police in case of emergency?
 - **PG Park Police Lt. Walters** - In case of emergency always refer to dialing 911. The contact number for the PG Park Police is 301-459-3232
 - **R. Jones** – Is there a schedule for PG Park Police to conduct area checks for the parks in the City of Glenarden?
 - **PG Park Police Lt. Walters** – There are standard checks done during peak times of the day and patrolling done mostly at night to enforce the park closed after dark rule. The area checks are done by command staff as well who are in unmarked vehicles that cannot be easily recognized.
 - **R. Jones** – Shouldn't an area check/patrolling be done by the park police during the night games and football practice to eliminate the illegal conduct being done in front of the children?
 - **Lt. Walters** - I will contact the patrol sergeant to implement adding the Glenarden parks to the weekend field list and to start making their presents known at these games and practices...what time do the practices start?

- **J. Huff** – Practice is from 6pm – 8pm.
 - **Elaine Carter** – Are there no park police assigned during the weekend football.
 - **PG Park Police Lt. Walters** – There hasn't been an assignment associated with Glenarden, but that doesn't mean it can't be. Glenarden has not been added to the Park Police Hot Spot List as of yet due lack of complains, however, Lt. Walters will add Glenarden's Saturday games and practices to the list.
 - **E. Fareed** – Can we please have a list of the Glenarden parks you service as Park Police for the City of Glenarden?
 - **PG Park Police Lt. Walters** – Yes, Lt. Walters will provide the list.
 - **R. Jones** – Have you had issues at the Ardwick Ardmore Park?
 - **PG Park Police Lt. Walters** – Only small incidental issues such as parking policing. No, the Ardwick Ardmore Park is not a hot spot but will be added to the weekend field list along with the football games and practices.
- Presentation by School Board Member Shayla Adams-Stafford: Back to School Challenges
 - **School Board Member Shayla Adams-Stafford** – Will take the transportation issues to Dr. Goldstien. The traffic issue is due to parents being asked to carpool due to the bus driver shortage across the nation.
 - **C. Smallwood** – What are you going to do to regarding having the Glenarden Woods Elementary School students redistricted back to schools in Glenarden? Why are Glenarden Students being bussed out of Glenarden? What is the reasoning for having children walk past the schools located in their own neighborhood only to be bussed to schools outside of the Glenarden boundary?
 - **School Board Member Shayla Adams-Stafford** – PG County is currently going thought a redistricting process to make sure all students are attending their neighborhood school. You can be a part of the [School Boundary Initiative \(pgcps.org\)](http://pgcps.org) to look at the interactive map where you can see the plans for redistricting and how it can affect your children.
 - **Lolita Green** – On the corner of Piedmont & Church you have two schools in a community, so why are you bussing the children out of the community? I have never seen kids bussed out of Glenarden...the neighborhood schools are walking distance.
 - **School Board Member Shayla Adams-Stafford** – Glenarden Woods is a Specialty School that operates off of the TAG Specialty Model. I will take back to Dr.

Goldstien a question on how we can further implement the TAG School Model across all schools so we can keep students within boundaries and achieve the same level of quality education for all.

- **Linda Mauldin** – Why is the redistricting an issue?
 - **School Board Member Shayla Adams-Stafford** – I am the Chairman of the Academic Achievement Committee and I am looking into equitable access to TAG Project Base learning. The strategies that are being used at the tag school should be offered at all schools. Every child should be affording the education provided at Glenarden Wood Elementary.
- **E. Fareed** – A session will be had on September 30th to discuss the redistricting and how it impacts the citizens of Glenarden <https://cityofglenarden.org/2021/09/redistricting-panel-discussion-sep-30-2021-city-of-glenarden-council/> . Hopefully we can have the school board look at when communities develop new housing which adds people to the population, how to increase schools within the community and reallocate resources. Since the development of WTC in Ward 3, there has been no development to address the growth in population. We only have 3 schools in Glenarden, with one out of the two being a TAG/Magnet School. Even if we try to house all Glenarden students within the Glenarden boundary...is there enough space?
 - **School Board Member Shayla Adams-Stafford** – There needs to be a moratorium on development as it relates to the overcrowding of schools until affordable housing is established.
- **Mrs. Price** – Affordable housing needs to be address.
 - Before and after school programs are only offered at the TAG school and not the other two schools within the City of Glenarden boundaries. There is a Spanish afterschool program to help kids who are behind get adequate tutoring, why is that not being offered to the other kids at the other schools?
 - The special education curriculum, and the overall curriculum at Glenarden Woods is vastly different at the TAG school. There is also excellent music program there that is not being offered at the other schools.
 - There is a safety issues as well where the children are at risk. 12-year-olds are smoking weed at the community center and exhibiting concerning behavior.

How can we save our kids to have adequate policing, affordable housing, and afterschool programs?

- **School Board Member Shayla Adams-Stafford** – Glenarden was nationally recognized for our mixed housing community, and is national model!
 - As the Academic Committee Chair, I committed my entire year to special education to revamp the program based on the concerns received. Mrs. Stafford will dive deep in the data to find out what works and what doesn't work withing the special education program.
 - Mrs. Stafford has a meeting every 4th Saturday at 11am to discuss Board of Education related issues. Please email her to be provided an access link at Shayla.adamsstafford@pgcps.org. Feel free to review her website for additional information Shayla4schoolboard.
 - Please sign up for Mrs. Stafford's District 4 advisory Committee to be added to her mailing list: <https://forms.gle/xCPBABWrLt93yu4S7>
 - Mrs. Stafford provided a link with update information regarding aftercare programs <https://www.pgcps.org/offices/early-learning-programs/vendor-managed-child-care-programs>
- **J. Herring** – Would like to setup a meeting with School Board Member Shayla Adams-Stafford to discuss the history of Glenarden Woods Elementary School
- Introduction of the resolution for Council Clerk
 - **J. Herring** – Councilman Herring feels the legislation is misleading. Please fix the language stating the Council retained personnel via Robert Half...that needs to be removed.
- Discussion
 - Reallocation of funds in Public Safety Department
 - Tabled per Council President Curtis
 - Upcoming council meetings
 - Tabled per Council President Curtis
- Citizens Comments
 - **Maxine Pfeiffer** – We should not be paying Robert Half to get a Council Clerk, because the council did not request a temporary clerk.

- **Council President Curtis** – Over the years consulting firms have implemented a conversion fee to avoid their temps from going around them for a direct hire. We structure the language differently as we were able to negotiate from 18% conversion fee to 12% which needs to be accurately reflected in this resolution to be transparent.
 - **C. Smallwood** – Instead of buying her out from Robert Half, why don't you contract her out for a year until her contract is over then hire her?
 - **Council President Curtis** – Consulting firms have closed the loop hole where as if we choose not to hire the temp via Rober Half, the City of Glenarden would then have to disassociate ourselves from her for a year before we can legally hire her. A conversion fee is standard language with consulting firms now a days to close the loophole of being cut out of the hiring process when they helped facilitate the applicate.
 - **C. Smallwood** – Will you have her sign contract to guarantee her employment with the City of Glenarden for one year after the buyout?
 - **Council President Curtis** – No, each employee has to go through a probationary period.
 - **C. Stevenson** – The Democratic Central Committee in District 24 is allotting \$350 to Mars Caterers to use that money for some of our seniors.
 - **J. Huff, Jr.** – Does the city have a plan for when they are going to start working on the city streets?
 - Are the citizens allowed to give input on the selection of the Chief of Police?
 - **Mayor Cross** – Chief of Police is an HR action, and is open for anyone to apply.
 - **C. Wilson** – Opposes paying a 10k conversion fee for a Council Clerk.
- Adjourned at 9:00 PM
- Submitted by:

Victoria Lewis, Council Clerk