

September 1st meeting

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Hello all! I believe Chanda has to depart the meeting soon after it starts, and she asked me to facilitate tonight's discussion (Cal next week). Having reviewed my notes from the last meeting and recent emails, here is my outline of concrete ideas so far:

1. What is our goal as a Task Force? To deliver a report to the ANC making several specific recommendations. A rough working draft by our next meeting, to revise over the course of the next few meetings.

1. Possible specific recommendations regarding community awareness and physical environment
 - **Mission Statement:** draft and propose a mission statement for our Task Force/ANC
 - **Communication:** create a "Rapid Response" network specifically for issues involving racism, including local Police Precinct as needed
 - **Community Center:** support a space in the new Center, with events and gatherings that focus on diversity & inclusion, including education, a library area (in partnership with HCCDC), meetings, potluck dinners, arts, and entertainment
 - **Public Art:** support public art in our neighborhood, including to celebrate diversity & inclusiveness (murals, sculpture)
 - **Chevy Chase Circle:**
 - i. support removal of all three parts honoring Newlands at the Fountain (bronze plaque and two concrete engravings);
 - ii. recommend renaming the [Fountain/entire Circle?] after John Lewis [or someone else]?
 - iii. support and be involved in placement of a Wayside Board with historic information
 - **Wilson High School:** support re-naming?
 - **Lafayette-Pointer Park:** support renaming Lafayette Park to include Captain George Pointer, plus a Wayside Board with historic information about both Lafayette and Pointer
 - **Little Newlands Park:** support re-naming?

- **Historic Tour:** support a broader series of Wayside Boards, similar to other neighborhoods, including the above two Boards, and connected to others, including others taking note of African-American history/residents in the neighborhood
- **[add District Programs/Policies]**
- **Other?**

1. **Survey.** Draft & submit our group's survey questions to the Task Force Survey Committee, by Sep 8 (see Jerry Malitz 8/26 email)