

RE Task Force Membership

From: Mason BOS Email
Sent: Monday, September 01, 2014 11:08 AM
To: 'Clyde Miller'
Cc: Frank, Aaron M.
Subject: RE: Task Force Membership

Clyde: Thank you for sharing your email message to my staff. Aaron provided you with the information we have available here in my office. When people filled out the Seven Corners Area Participation Form more than two years ago, one of the requests, in addition to name, address, phone, and email, was for "affiliation," not employer. Applicants also were asked to indicate areas of interest – Land Use/Transportation Task Force; Quality of Life; Connectivity – and provide any additional information they, the applicant, thought might be helpful. Those in the business community included information about their property interests; residents responded with their civic association or other affiliation. From the many participation forms submitted, I appointed members to the Land Use and Transportation Task Force, and also to the Quality of Life and Connectivity subgroups, which presented their recommendations to the full Task Force some time ago.

I have found, over time, that who one works for, especially in this security-conscious region, is very personal information, and it was neither asked, nor submitted, for Task Force participation. In short, Aaron has provided you the information about employers/industries of the task force members that is available in my office. To ask each resident/community volunteer for their employer/industry information and send you that information prior to the September 9 Task Force meeting, I believe would be an intrusion into their personal affairs, especially after their two busy years of work on the Task Force. Aaron has provided you the information we have available, and I cannot release information that I do not have.

I know this is not the answer you anticipated, but I hope it clarifies the process for selection, and the information about Task Force members available to my office.

Penny

Penelope A. Gross
Mason District Supervisor
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
From: Clyde Miller [mailto:cmiller1017@verizon.net]
Sent: Saturday, August 30, 2014 8:09 PM
To: Mason BOS Email
Cc: Frank, Aaron M.; Debbie Smith; Jim Mason
Subject: Fwd: Task Force Membership

Penny -

I neglected to CC you on my message to Mr. Frank below. I hope we are not arguing about releasing information re the employers/industries of task force members. Mr. Frank provided the info for 6 members but not all 14 as I

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requested.

Best regards,

Clyde Miller

Begin forwarded message:

> From: Clyde Miller <cmiller1017@verizon.net>
> Subject: Re: Task Force Membership
> Date: August 30, 2014 2:22:03 PM EDT
> To: "Frank, Aaron M." <Aaron.Frank@fairfaxcounty.gov>
> Cc: Debbie Smith <dsmithie@verizon.net>, Jim Mason <what.ever4jim@gmail.com>
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> Thank you for the information that you did provide (attached below).
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> In my 20 Aug e-mail below, I asked to know the employer/industry of every task
force member. I did not receive
the information I requested.
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> For the 14 current TF members, you provided employer/industry information for 6
(5 property representatives and
the Exec Dir of the Seven Corners Children's Center). The remaining 8 TF members
are described as 7 "residents"
plus 1 "community member." The description of the residents and community member is
insufficient. The
community has a right to know the employer/industry of all task force members, not
just 6 of the 14.
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> If it is necessary to ask the 7 residents and 1 community member for their
employer/industry information, please
ask them and then send me the information prior to the Sep 9 task force meeting. I
would appreciate receiving the
information in the form of a revised version of the table you sent yesterday.
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> Mr. Frank, I believe that there is no need to argue the need for this information
to be easily accessible in the public
domain. The need is obvious if there is any expectation that the task force report
will be credible. As the
information you provided now stands, the task force could consist of 5
representatives of 7C property owners, a
director of a children's center in one of the properties, and 8 representatives of
construction companies. If that were
the case, we would need to start over.
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> Prior to 9 Sep, please provide the information I requested.
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> Thank you.
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> Clyde Miller
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> Homeowner/Retired
> 3436 Skyview Terrace
> Falls Church (Fairfax County)
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> On Aug 29, 2014, at 6:42 PM, Frank, Aaron M. wrote:
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>> Mr. Miller,
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>> As per our conversation, I appreciate your patience as I was out of the office
when this information was initially

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requested. Please see the attached list of Seven Corners Task Force members. In addition, I have attached a list of 'objectives, roles & responsibilities, and timeframes', which was distributed to the Task Force at their initial September '12 meeting.

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>> Sincerely,

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>> Aaron Frank, LEED Green Assoc.

>> Land Use & Development

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Clyde Miller [mailto:cmiller1017@verizon.net]

>> Sent: Friday, August 29, 2014 12:03 PM

>> To: Frank, Aaron M.

>> Cc: Debbie Smith; Jim Mason

>> Subject: Re: Task Force Membership

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>> Mr. Frank -

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>> Have you had any luck with my request re identification of task force members. I had thought that it would be easy to provide the information, that the information would have been distributed earlier to any number of other people.

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>> Please let me know. Thank you.

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>> Clyde Miller

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>> On Aug 20, 2014, at 8:33 PM, Clyde Miller wrote:

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>>> Mr. Frank -

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>>> I am trying to understand the composition of the Seven Corners Task Force for which Mr. Thillman serves as Co-Chairman. The OCR web site only lists members' names; I find no information regarding any member's employer, qualifications, or date of joining the task force. Nor can I find any terms of reference, charter, mission statement, or the like for the group. Given the decisions and guidance that the task force is asked to provide for the community, it is important that the community understands the backgrounds of task force members.

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>>> I was hoping that you can provide me the following information:

>>> Name of each current task force member, and then for each member:

>>> Name of his/her employer and identification of the industry (e.g.,

>>> Department of Housing and Urban Development, federal govt, or FC

>>> public schools, education) Any special qualification(s) that the

>>> member brings to the task force (e.g., knowledge of fed govt policy re

>>> affordable housing, or knowledge of local public schools and their

>>> issues) Date the member joined the task force (e.g., Jan 2013)

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>>> In addition, can you provide a copy of the task force charter or the like. If there is no document describing the scope of their responsibilities, please let me know.

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>>> As I understand it, Supervisor Gross convened the task force. That led me to

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believe that you would be the proper person to ask for this information. If I should ask elsewhere, I would appreciate your directing me to the right place.

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>>> As always, thank you for the help.

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>>> Best regards,

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>>> Clyde Miller

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>>> 3436 Skyview Terrace

>>> Falls Church (Fairfax County)

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