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## **Woodbury Heart & Soul Partners with City to Create Community Task Force**

On June 6, 2020, a rally was held in Woodbury to address the concerns of the African American Community in the wake of the appalling murder of George Floyd at the hands of a Minneapolis Police Officer. All 50 United States and 18 countries globally have organized their own calls for change since this violent tragedy occurred.

The rally began at Wing-Dickerson Park on Carpenter Street, and a peaceful group of more than 500 from the City and surrounding areas marched down Broad Street and held a public conversation at the Justice Complex on Hunter Street.

The speakers were thoughtful & inspiring, and many called on residents and leadership collectively to action against oppression of the African American Community, as well as focusing on unifying the City's neighborhoods.

In response to the outpouring of support from the local and regional communities, Woodbury Heart & Soul – a newly established community development organization focused on inclusivity, community connection, and highlighting what matters most in Woodbury – created a plan to establish a community taskforce alongside Community and City leaders. This task force will develop new platforms and create open lines of communication between residents and government, public safety, faith-based, commerce, & education leaders in Woodbury.

The task force will meet six (6) times each year with these public leaders; three (3) of which will be town hall style where residents can bring concerns, issues, thanks, and gratitude. The other three (3) will involve activities and exercises focused on local decision making and to take concrete steps in addressing community issues.

**The first official meeting of the Woodbury Community Task Force will take place virtually on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Advertisement to follow will share information on how/where to access this meeting virtually.**

**If you are a Woodbury resident and would like to get involved with the Woodbury Community Task Force, please reach out to Jared Hunter for more information at [jared@thefaf.net](mailto:jared@thefaf.net) or (856) 812-4112.**