



**MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON COMMUNITIES OF COLOR**  
**Minutes**  
 November 5, 2018

**Present:** Chair Kym Young, Stephan Witherspoon, Natasha Lancour, Jerel Benton (4:45 pm) Rani Gill

**Excused:**

**Absent:** Pat St. Germaine

**Also Present:** Police Chief Nick Alexander

**1. Chair Young opened the meeting at 4:18 pm.**

**2. Approval of Minutes of September 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting.**

Motion by Witherspoon, seconded by Lancour, to approve the Minutes of September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion passed.

**3. Mutual Aid Agreement with Duluth Police Department.**

Police Chief Alexander attended the meeting to explain how the Aid Agreement between Superior and Duluth Police Departments work. The Agreement calls for either side to respond to emergencies that are outside the scope of the respective department. For example, during the Husky fire, multiple agencies were requested to aid in the emergency. During the Donald Trump visit to Duluth this summer, Superior Officers were requested to aid with crowd control and security.

The requesting agency would be in charge and the responding agency is a resource. Superior Police Department does not have riot gear, but if requested, will bring tactical equipment.

Further discussion took place regarding policies and procedures and Chief Alexander agreed to bring a copy of the written Agreement for the Commission to peruse.

No action.

**4. Commission Representative to attend Police & Fire Commission Meeting.**

Young advised she will try and attend the next meeting scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

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**5. Six (6) month report to City Council.**

The Commission will give a report to the City Council at the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting at 6:30 pm. The following is a draft agenda:

- a. Martin Luther King Day - recommended a City Holiday
- b. Marijuana Ordinance - passed recently
- c. Policy on excessive force
- d. Mutual Aid Agreement between SPD and DPD
- e. Recommendation to expand to 9 commission members
- f. Training for next commissioners – insight and working with SPD, P&F Cms and City Council.

**6. City's webpage for Commission.**

Gill is still working on getting this done.

**7. New Members ?**

Geraldine Castilla Carbonell

Patricia Staine

Suggested but have not heard from either of them.

**8. Any other business.**

- a. Police use of force issue is still being kept on the table and perhaps some training could be put on with community input.
- b. Holidays, give back to the community. Chief Alexander said he has been doing this for a few of years, giving away gift cards randomly to the citizens.
- c. He also mentioned the Warrant Resolution Day where approximately 20 warrants were resolved, depending on the circumstances.
- d. "Pathways to Hope" Program is a pilot program funded by a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Justice and is available to Douglas County residents. The program offers a choice of jail or rehab to those who have committed certain offenses where the root cause is addiction to opiates or methamphetamine. There is also an option for those who have not committed a crime to enter the program to receive treatment.

**9. Next meeting Monday, December 10 @ 4:00 pm, in Room #300.**

**10. Meeting adjourned at 4:59 pm.**

Respectfully submitted:

Rani Gill

Chief of Staff to the Mayor