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AGENDA

MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON COMMUNITIES OF COLOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 14 2020 5:30 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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Members: Chair Deanna Reder, Deonne Nelson, Natasha Lancour, Jenny Van Sickle, Pat St. Germaine, and Kat Werchouski

AGENDA:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of November 10 minutes
3. Discuss switching to quarterly meetings
4. Goals for 2021
5. Citizen suggestion/comment ability
6. Any other business
7. Adjournment

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MINUTES

MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON COMMUNITIES OF COLOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 2020 6:30 P.M. - CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The November 10 meeting of the Mayor's Commission on Communities of Color was called to order at 6:33 pm.

1. Roll Call
Present: Deanna Reder, Jenny Van Sickle, Natasha Lancour, Kat Werchouski, Mayor Jim Paine
Absent: Deonne Nelson, Pat St. Germaine
2. Approval of September 16 minutes
Motion by Commissioner Van Sickle, second by Commissioner Werchouski, and passed unanimously to approve the meeting minutes.
3. Elect officers for the Commission
Commissioner Reder was nominated to be Chair of the commission by Commissioner Van Sickle, second by Commissioner Werchouski, and passed unanimously.
No other officers were elected at this meeting.
4. Update from Chief Alexander on demographics and 2019 citations
Police Chief Alexander hand-checked citations to establish a proper demographic breakdown for communities of color. Of the 184 citations issued to black individuals, 79 (44%) were non-residents, and of the 98 indigenous individuals, 35 were non-residents. There was legislation from the State of Wisconsin that monitored traffic stops for consistencies within communities, but was repealed due to its large size and inability to maintain. State of Wisconsin still tracks by race, gender, etc.
Commissioner Van Sickle noted that 1.8% of Superior's population is black, yet they still make up 5.9% of citations in 2019. It is important to review and analyze numbers regularly.
Commissioner Van Sickle also noted it would be interesting to cast a wider net and see what the breakdown is for the entire Twin Ports area.
Chief Alexander discussed the implicit bias and policing training that Superior Police Officers must complete. Officers Robinson and Davis are now certified to train others on implicit bias and de-escalation; a tool that will be utilized within SPD. This will be built into the annual training program for police officers and is aimed to happen multiple times per year.
5. Any other business
Commissioner Van Sickle brought up the potential amendment to the nuisance ordinance within the City of Superior allowing for the installation of placards on nuisance properties for identification. The commissioner asked that the Commission be used as a resource for the City to

utilize while looking at the program, and stated how the program could impact communities of color.

Chief Alexander explained how the nuisance ordinance and timeline is utilized for the City of Superior. The ordinance has been in effect since 2004 and is aimed to help abate quality of life issues and help keep landlords in compliance with local ordinances. Chief Alexander also mentioned the Public Safety Committee will be meeting November 18th to discuss this ordinance amendment and asked if someone from the commission may want to attend.

Chair Reder asked what area or neighborhood these calls are typically for.

Chief Alexander said he would check with Officer Jago who is the primary contact for nuisance ordinance processes.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.