



**MAYOR’S COMMISSION ON COMMUNITIES OF COLOR**  
**Minutes**  
 January 14, 2019

**Present:** Chair Kym Young, Stephan Witherspoon, Jerel Benton, Rani Gill

**Excused:** Natasha Lancour

**Absent:** Pat St. Germaine

**Also Present:** Kelly Pugh, Admin. Assistant – Superior School District

**1. Chair Young opened the meeting at 4:03 pm.**

**2. Approval of Minutes of December 10, 2018 Meeting.**

Motion by Witherspoon, seconded by Benton, to approve the Minutes of December 10, 2018 meeting. Motion passed.

**3. Commission to work with Superior School District regarding MLK Day.**

Kelly Pugh handed out a listing of the Elementary Schools which showed what schools were participating in the march and rally for MLD Day. Pugh also advised that the new Schools Superintendent was very supportive of the event and having students from all schools participate. Hopefully, next year it will be bigger and better, as we have a whole year to plan.

More conversation took place regarding holding more events in the City of Superior and involving the Mayor and City employees. No action.

**4. Identify bathrooms in public buildings with Ojibwe language placards.**

This is a proposal by Councilor Jenny Van Sickle. Commission will continue to do more research and bring forward a policy and procedure to get ready to go to the Plan Commission. Gill did mention that the Courthouse and Government Center are owned by Douglas County and any signage change will have to be brought before the County Board. No action.

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**5. Rotation for City Council attendance.**

Gill will send out a list of the Council Meetings to the members so they can decide which ones to attend. Intent is to listen and watch for issues affecting housing and other issues. No action.

**6. Policy Review - Police and Fire Commission recommendations / input.**

Review the Mutual Aid Agreement. Review any discrepancies and make recommendations. Key areas were identified. No action.

**7. New Members ?**

Geraldine Castilla Carbonell

Patricia Staine

Benton said he is looking for somebody else from UWS.

**8. Any other business.**

- a. Need access to Duluth SPD - regarding arrests in Duluth
- b. Recruitment, students of color

**2019 Items for consideration:**

- a. Have a working relationship with the City Council.
- b. Training for Commissioners
- c. Juneteenth celebration / parade / week of events

**9. Next meeting Monday, February 18, 2019 @ 4:00 pm, in Room #300. (due to Superior Days on the 11<sup>th</sup>)**

**10. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.**

Respectfully submitted:

Rani Gill

Chief of Staff to the Mayor