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AGENDA

MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON COMMUNITIES OF COLOR
MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021
5:30 P.M. – Government Center 201

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

AGENDA:

1. Roll Call
2. Presentation from Erin Moldowski, Executive Director of Mentor North
3. Approval of May 10 minutes
4. Approval of May 24 minutes
5. Discuss CASDA's Anti-Racism Statement
6. Any other business
7. Adjournment

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MINUTES

MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON COMMUNITIES OF COLOR MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021 5:30 P.M. – Virtual Attendance

Present: Chair Deanna Reder, Deonne Nelson, Jenny Van Sickle, and Kat Werchouski
Absent: Natasha Lancour and Pat St. Germaine
Others Present: Mayor Jim Paine, Nick Raverty, Shelley Nelson, and Mary Stone McConnell

The meeting of the Mayor's Commission on Communities of Color was called to order at 5:32 pm.

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of April 12 minutes

Motion by Commissioner Van Sickle, second by Commissioner Werchouski, to approve.

3. Discuss the adoption of Makwa Ziibiins Miikana Trail

Commissioner Nelson inquired what upkeep of the trail would be like and time commitment. Mayor Paine informed the commission it is really up to them. Groups can host cleanup events or handle it themselves, but typically cleanup is done a few times per year. Commissioner Reder would like to see the entire commission involved.

Motion by Commissioner Van Sickle, second by Commissioner Nelson, to adopt the Makwa Ziibiins Miikana Trail.

4. African American Taste Event – Commissioner Nelson

Commissioner Nelson shared some preliminary information about an event she is hoping to host through her nonprofit organization, Unity in the Community. Aiming for later this summer and to be hosted on Barker's Island.

Commissioners Van Sickle and Reder suggested connecting with Juneteenth organizers and maybe combining efforts. Commissioner Reder will connect Commissioner Nelson to the event organizers.

5. Discuss sponsorship of Wisconsin Point Committee Event at \$100 – Commissioner Van Sickle

Commissioner Van Sickle shared information about the upcoming event being held at WI Point which would gather members from the Fond du Lac Community, the WI Point Committee, the Commission on Communities of Color, and other community members to start building a strong partnership.

The commission discussed their current budget and other priorities that may arise in 2021 that may also need sponsorship support.

Motion by Commissioner Werchouski, second by Commissioner Nelson, to sponsor the event at \$100.

6. Any other business

Nick Raverty shared that the RFP for the diversity and inclusion training had been posted and is available on the city website. He also shared that the city is working on creating its first cultural video to be hosted with other community videos on the city's webpage. This will focus on the indigenous history of Superior and the work of this commission.

Commissioner Van Sickle asked to agendize a larger budget conversation at the next regular meeting.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 pm.

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MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON COMMUNITIES OF COLOR **MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021** **5:30 P.M. – ROOM 201**

Members Present: Chair Deanna Reder, Natasha Lancour, Jenny Van Sickle, and Kat Werchouski
Absent: Deonne Nelson and Pat St. Germaine
Others Present: Chief Nicholas Alexander, Nick Raverty

The meeting was called to order at 5:42 p.m.

1. Roll Call

2. Discuss the sponsorship of Juneteenth event

Commissioner Reder shared details of what she knew about the event.
Commissioner Lancour offered to help spread the word through her network.
Commissioner Reder asked that the commission help serve as a contact for the event when possible.
Nick Raverty gave a quick budget overview to the commission. \$750 for 2021 and already spent \$100 on the WI Point event, leaving \$650 for the rest of 2021.
The commissioners discussed other events that may need potential sponsorship this year.

Motion by Commissioner Van Sickle, second by Commissioner Werchouski, to approve the sponsorship at \$200.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

The Center Against Sexual and Domestic Abuse (CASDA) recognizes that to carry out our mission, we must also work to dismantle racism and other forms of systemic oppression. Racism intersects with domestic and sexual violence, and often compounds its effects on victims. Our organization apologizes for the harm we have caused to Black, Indigenous, and People of Color. Therefore, as we strive to empower individual survivors of abuse, we will actively work toward achieving equity for all Black, Indigenous, and People of Color in our community. CASDA will show commitment and dedication by: continuing to educate ourselves, recognizing and understanding our own privilege and the harm we have caused, and examining our biases, while acknowledging and validating the history and lived experiences of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color.