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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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