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## NOTES

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

**Members Present:** Chair Deanna Reder, Deonne Nelson, and Jenny Van Sickle  
**Members Absent:** Natasha Lancour, Pat St. Germaine, and Kat Werchowski  
**Others Present:** Mayor Jim Paine, Erin Moldowski, and Nick Raverty

*\*Due to a lack of quorum no official action was taken, but the commission continued to meet informally with the meeting described in these notes.*

#### **AGENDA:**

1. Roll Call
2. Presentation from Erin Moldowski, Executive Director of Mentor North

Erin Moldowski gave a short presentation and answered questions regarding Mentor North. Erin is going to share the Superior Advocate's contact information with the commission to help further the partnership.

3. Approval of May 10 minutes  
**No action taken.**
4. Approval of May 24 minutes  
**No action taken.**

5. Discuss CASDA's Anti-Racism Statement  
Commissioner Van Sickle shared her sentiments on the statement provided by CASDA, stating that it is inclusive and covers the groundwork an organization at this magnitude should use as a start point. She continued that anti-racism is good, but communities of color need active revitalization to truly heal and move forward. She would like to see the organization explore policies for cultural healing.  
Commissioner Nelson asked for contact information for CASDA staff to start building a stronger relationship and meet with staff individually.

6. Any other business

Chair Reder reminded the commission that Saturday in Juneteenth and will be celebrated at Central Hillside Park in Duluth.

Chair Reder also mentioned she will begin reaching out to commissioners to schedule the trail clean up at Makwa Ziibiins Miikana.

Commissioner Van Sickle shared her gratitude for the commission sponsoring the event at Wisconsin Point the previous month and shared an update for how the event went.

Commissioner Nelson asked for an update of the RFP that was sent for city staff training. Nick Raverty updated the commission that proposals were being reviewed internally and would be brought to the commission at the July meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.