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MINUTES

MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

THURSDAY, July 11th, 2022

5:30P.M. – Government Center RM 204

The meeting of the Mayor's Commission on Communities of Color was called to order at 5:30PM

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Deanna Reder, Ephraim Nikoi, Louren Yzaguirre, Tanzeem Ali (video) **Absent:**, Jenny Van Sickle

Staff Present: Mayor Jim Paine, Chief Nick Alexander

2. Approval of June 6th Minutes

Minutes approved viva voce

3. Update from SPD Chief Nick Alexander

Update from Chief Alexander regarding the community coordinator position. Officer Jen Stank is fielding calls for citizens who are struggling with drug addiction, mental health, and other issues to avoid police involvement.

Chair Reder asked about data tracking for calls. Chief confirmed that it is happening.

Vice Chair Nikoi asked about possibility for volunteers to help community coordinator and also about grants for the treatment program. Chief stated that they have 5 years of funding, 40-50 clients per year, and a 40% success rate.

Chief discussed ABLE training and training on biases. They will take 2 year refresher course.

4. Chair Reder's Research on Similar Commissions

Chair Reder gave a power point presentation on her research on similar commissions: "Who Are We?" It discussed the mission statement of the commission, what happens at meetings, what has been accomplished so far, future goals of commission, and how one can join.

Other Organizations Looked At:

- Springfield, MO Mayor's on Human Rights and Community Relations
- Lexington, KY Mayor's Commission for Racial Justice and Equality
- Coalition of Communities of Color in Portland, OR
- Commission on Racial Equity and Inclusion in Baton Rouge, LA

Vice-Chair Nikoi and Commissioner Ali talked about meeting citizens out in the community, so they can place faces with names.

Vice-Chair Nikoi brought up funds for events and stated we should not just sponsor but organizations should apply for funds.

5. Finalize One Pager

Held for next meeting due to time restraint.

6. Any other business

Policy recommendations for BIPOC community events (on budgeting) for next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:39PM