



**Livonia Human Relations Commission
Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Conducted via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: R. Glover, K. Aoun, H. Fakhouri, D. Jordan, R. Zuckerman
STAFF PRESENT: Josh Sabo
ABSENT: None
GUESTS: Maureen Miller Brosnan, Mayor, City of Livonia

I. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

The minutes of the June 9 meeting will be approved at the Commission's next meeting on June 23.

III. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT None.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Opening Remarks: Mayor Brosnan discussed how she is energized by the Commission's June 9 meeting and the follow up conversation that took place. Mayor Brosnan shared information related to the announcement of the Police and Community Together (PACT) program, which includes an overview of the #8CantWait policy proposals and the scheduling of the first listening session of the Partnerships for Progress listening tour, which is a joint effort of the Western Wayne NAACP, the Western Wayne Police Chiefs, and the Conference of Western Wayne. This event hosted at Clarenceville High School on June 24 at 6PM will also be livestreamed. K. Aoun suggested that the event be used as an opportunity for residents to become aware of the Commission's outreach to residents on policing issues.

Commission Leadership: At the June 9 meeting of the Commission, Mayor Brosnan asked the Commission for a volunteer interested in serving as the Commission Chairperson. R. Glover volunteered, and Mayor Brosnan appointed him, with the support of K. Aoun and D. Jordan. K. Aoun will serve as Secretary.

Commission Membership: Mayor Brosnan shared an update regarding the membership of the Commission. She is engaged in conversation with a number of candidates to be added to the board. It is her intention to move quickly to fill remaining vacancies. D. Jordan noted that he will be moving from Livonia in the coming months. Mayor Brosnan asked him to continue to support the Commission's work until that point, to which he agreed. Mayor Brosnan also noted that Wafa Dinaro will be appointed to the Commission.

UNITY Project: The Commission discussed the upcoming UNITY Project being hosted by Livonia Parks & Recreation. The Commission raised a number of questions about the project, including who was staffing and moderating it and if there was any planned follow-up event. The Commission agreed to grant the event its approval as an event that serves the purpose of the Human Relations Commission.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Madonna MLK Celebration: Mayor Brosnan reported on an outreach from Claire Ofiara of Madonna University regarding the Commission's continued involvement in the University's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day recognition. The Commission discussed what the event has looked like in the past, including the Commission's role and the nature of the event as one that could be expanded to have more community involvement and a more clear presence on behalf of the City. The Commission asked the Mayor's office to follow up with the University regarding the nature of this year's events.

Livonia MLK Day of Service: The Commission discussed the possibilities for a day of service in recognition of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Mayor Brosnan pointed out that such an event could include as many as 400 City employees. An accompanying volunteer recognition day was also suggested. R. Zuckerman suggested that the day of service also have an educational component as well.

Kroger Incident: J. Sabo provided the Commission with an update on the background of an incident taking place at the Kroger near 8 Mile and Farmington Roads.

Policing Discussion: Commissioners discussed the common complaints and perceptions of policing in Livonia. K. Aoun suggested outreach to the business community in Livonia to gather more experiences from those who may not be Livonia residents, but are in the City each day.

Police Questions and Data: The Commission discussed the forthcoming report from the Livonia Police Department and its PACT program. Members discussed the questions and additional data requests they would like to make of the department. Members will submit those questions and requests for formal transmission to the Mayor's office and Chief Caid. They requested that Chief Caid be invited to the Commission's next meeting to answer questions related to the Police Department's policies, training and data.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by D. Jordan and seconded by K. Aoun to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
June 17, 2020

Future Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Topic: Human Relations Commission

Time: Jun 23, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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