

Called to Order: 6:03 pm

In Attendance (virtual meeting):

- Leeann Foster, Commission Liaison
- Laura Lilley, Public Information Officer
- Robyn Vittek, Acting Staff Liaison
- Catherine Schilken, Chair
- Marissa Escajeda
- Margaret Izzo, Co-Chair
- Leah Lahoda

Absent:

- Pamela Hansen
- Jari Jariwala
- Mark Trumbull
- Raafay Khan, Jr.
Board Member

Citizens' Comments:

None

June 2021 Minutes (no July meeting):

Approved Unanimously
 Motion: Izzo
 Second: Escajeda

Meeting Topics:

REPORTS

Board Chair -Schilken

- Mediation

Commission Liaison – Foster

- More transparency with Commission / Boards and Authorities meetings
 - In-person meetings begin in September
 - Remote option – make permanent option
 - Recording all Commission, B&A meetings starting 1/1/2022
- DEI workgroups going forward
 - Looking for recommendations on structure, how to continue work into 2022

Public Information Officer – Lilley

- MLPD is working with Lexipol – reviewed 160+ departmental policies
 - All will be posted 9/1/2021
- 20th anniversary of 9/11 attacks – Saturday, September 11 at 8:25 am at Public Safety Center
 - Will honor first responders
- Rabies pellets distributed in Mt. Lebanon by Allegheny County Health Department – will not harm pets
- Residents' Academy – need start date, day of week, time by Tuesday 9/7

Staff Liaison – Vittek

- Mt. Lebanon Public Library board of trustees voted to permanently eliminate collection of overdue fines at July meeting. Library has waived all overdue fines since March 2020.
- Sunday hours resumed Sunday August 1. Library hours are now: M-R 9-9, Fr-Sa 9-5, Su 1-5
- Summer Reading Program ends August 9

Junior Board Member – Khan

- N/A

CONTINUING BUSINESS**DEI Initiative**

- Commissioner Recommendations
 - Groups 1, 2, and 4 have recommendations together, need to put into template
 - Group 1 using proper format, need to estimate costs, staff hours

- Workgroup Reports
 - Group 1: Community Awareness/ Community Building – Izzo (Commissioner Foster is liaison)
 - Working to refine recommendations
 - Group 2: Diversity in Boards and Hiring – Jariwala (Commissioner Flynn is liaison)
 - N/A
 - Group 3: Police Engagement Workgroup – Escajeda (Commissioner Grella is liaison)
 - Looking at long-term recommendations
 - Community conversations – sensitive topic
 - Group 4: Events Planning and Recognition – Trumbull (Commissioner Silverman is liaison)
 - Meeting Thursday 8/12

Community Service Awards

- Chris Heck 2021 award recipient
- Article in next issue of magazine
- Awards dinner planned for 2022

NEW BUSINESS

- Mediation
 - Form on website outdated
 - Process needs revisited
 - Commission wants CRB to continue
 - May need to enroll CRB in formal training
 - Izzo – took mediation course @ CMU, feels comfortable performing mediation
 - Ask Lisa Borrelli Dorn to attend September meeting, discuss previous CRB procedures

Adjournment: 6:55 PM

Motion: Izzo

Second: Escajeda

Next Meeting: September 8 2021