

CITY OF HUNTINGTON WOODS  
ANTI-RACISM ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
Wednesday, December 15, 2021  
7:00 p.m.  
City Hall

Mayor Paul called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Bob Paul, Mark Wollenweber, Betsy Kellman, Daniel Dena, Katie Beaulieu, Kia Essien, and Maria LaLonde, in Huntington Woods; and Brandon Mar, by videoconference.

**ABSENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Kellman and seconded by Dena to approve the December 15, 2021 agenda.

Ayes: Dena, Essien, Beaulieu, LaLonde, Kellman

Nays: None

Absent: None

**The Motion Carried.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No comments.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

- A. Select Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary.
  - a. Katie Beaulieu volunteered to act as Chairperson. Betsy Kellman volunteered to act as Vice Chairperson. Daniel Dena volunteered to act as Secretary.
- B. Select Terms of Office
  - a. Daniel Dena and Mary LaLonde volunteered to take 1-year terms. Betsy Kellman volunteered to take the 2-year term. Kia Essien and Kate Beaulieu volunteered to take 3-year terms.
- C. Set 2022 meeting dates

- a. Agreed by Dena, Beaulieu, Essien, LaLonde, and Kellman to meet every second Wednesday of the month at 7pm. Members discussed meeting on a monthly basis at the onset and to reevaluate how often to meet as the meetings progress.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Paul advised members about last year’s difficulties finding a speaker for Juneteenth and advised that the members begin a search for a Juneteenth speaker sooner rather than later, because it was difficult to find someone in time last year.

All members inquired about the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (“DEI”) focus group survey that was part of a third-party study conducted earlier in 2021. Wollenweber advised that the results of the study would likely be published by the next meeting and be available for review by the commission.

Kellman suggested changing the name of the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee because of concerns that the term “anti-racist” is divisive. LaLonde voiced support. Beaulieu, Mar and Dena expressed disagreement. No decision was made, and it was agreed by all to consider this matter at some later time.

Kellman requested discussion of long-term goals. All agreed to place that item on the agenda for the next meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Beaulieu, seconded by Dena.

Ayes: Dena, Essien, Beaulieu, LaLonde, Kellman

Nays: None

Absent: None

**The Motion Carried, meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.**

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Daniel Dena, Secretary

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Katie Beaulieu