

WESTLAND DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION COMMISSION

August 15, 2022

Regular Meeting Minutes

The Westland Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Commission held a regular meeting on Monday August 15, 2022, in the Gene McKinney Ballroom, Westland City Hall 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Warren at 5:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commission Chair Arthur Warren.

Roll Call:

Arthur Warren, Lena Nichols, Steven Thomas, Patrick Quinn, Alternate, Angela Rimmell (arrived late 5:37).

Also Present: C. Paschal Eze, Chief Diversity Officer/Administrative Liaison

Jeff Jedrusik, Chief of Police

Kyle Dawley, Deputy Police Chief

Sheree Conn - absent

Ebonite Guyton – absent

Tina Vu - absent

Questions or Input on Agenda Items (Time Limit: 3 minutes): None at this time

Approval of Agenda:

Quinn motioned to approve the August 15, 2022 as presented, supported by Nichols

Motion carried

Rimmell (not present/abstained)

Special Presentations and Announcements:

C. Paschal Eze, Chief Diversity Officer/Staff Liaison Introduction

Eze introduced himself and gave some background of his experience. He also wanted to recognize Ms. Field's guidance and help.

Jeff Jedrusik, Chief of Police and Kyle Dawley, Deputy Police Chief

Chief Jedrusik gave a detailed presentation, in which he explained and outlined the multiple programs in place to diversify the police department. Following the presentation, there was a robust question and answer session with the Chief of Police, Deputy Chief and Commission.

Approval of Minutes:

Due to time constraints of the City Council meeting, motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2022, will take place at next meeting date on October 20th

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Public Comments:

- Lori Wilson wanted to once again mention that she has been attending the meetings regularly and there are still some Commissioners that she has noticed have never been at a meeting that she has attended, she also wanted to mention that there is a history of disenfranchisement from the City with the SE corner end of Westland.
- Mrs. Thomas stated that she appreciates the police department.

Public Comments Closed**Administrative Liaison Comments:****Commissioner Comments:**

- Nichols asked Eze if he has reached out to the city departments, such as City Council. And she asked Eze how hopeful is he of diversifying the City, and if he would visit Churches. She also stated that she was happy to hear the recognition of Ms. Field.
- Warren asked Eze how long has he lived in the Westland and how familiar he is with the history of the City, then proceeded to ask each commissioner how long each have lived in Westland. He stated that the everyday citizen wants a better, quality, everyday life.
- Eze answered, yes he has reached out and met with all the City departments per the Mayor's request. He explained he is very optimistic, and touched on some of the programs/events that he is working on. He has visited some Churches within the City and is willing to meet with everyone. Eze explained that he is familiar with Westland, as he is a resident here.

Adjournment:

Rimmell motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Quinn supported

Motion carried.

Arthur Warren
Commission Chair

C. Paschal Eze
Administrative Liaison