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ONONDAGA COUNTY/SYRACUSE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

January 19, 2021 **VIRTUAL** HRC meeting

Human Rights Commissioners

Present: Leo Sanchez, Barbara Johnson, Agnes McCray, Roosevelt Baums, Liban Mohammed, Lanessa Chaplin, Rasheada Caldwell, Mbonimpa Banabas, Chris Gilkes, Nodesia Hernandez **Absent:** Al-Amin Muhammad, Mia Wade, John Rushing **Public:** Liam O'Connor, Sora Iriye, Nichole Henry, Diana Osborne Tatu **County staff present:** Executive Director of Human Rights Montanette Murphy; Human Rights Specialist Johanna Sellers; Chief Diversity Officer Monica Williams

Attendance: Meeting began at 5:35 p.m.

Greetings/Welcome

Announcement: Johanna Sellers/ Human Rights Specialist

Approval of December/Octobers minutes: Approved 10-0

Approval of January agenda: Approved 10-0

Recognition of visitors/Commissioners: Public and Commissioners

Chair's report: Chairperson Rasheada Caldwell thanked everyone for being present at the meeting and for being active in the community; invited Commissioner Chaplin to speak on a few community issues.

Discussion: Commissioner Chaplin urged Commissioners and the community to stay engaged with the following issues:

- I-81 and the Community Grid
- Blueprint 15
- SU and the city of Syracuse's agreement regarding Thornden Park
- SPD plans to implement surveillance technology
- Keep watch on the newly created/approved County Legislative Districts



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Commissioner Banabas questioned the SPD surveillance technology that will take pictures of license plates and the process. Commissioner Chaplin said the HRC can offer questions about the technology:

- 1) Who has access to the license-plate information?
- 2) How is the information stored?
- 3) How long is the information stored?
- 4) Which communities will be subjected to the surveillance technology?

Other topics for public hearing:

Commissioner McCray: Violence in our community; Mask distribution

Commissioner Gilkes: Spoke on landlords who are negligent property owners.

Administrator's Report:

- Annual report: Send pictures and other info.
- Commissioners will create subcommittees in 2022.
- Commission needs to schedule the public hearings for 2022.
- Up to date phone numbers and emails for Commissioners.

OLD business: Commissioner McCray asked if HRC meeting date will change. HRC will continue to meet on 3rd Wednesday. Commissioner Baums recognized "Shop with a Cop" event.

NEW business: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

WRAP UP: Monica Williams encouraged Commissioners to choose from the many issues facing our community for possible public hearing topics.

Commissioner Sanchez: Agrees with the subcommittees but wants Commission to take it slow with conducting in-person public hearings.

Commissioner Johnson: Wants to hold public sessions on SPD surveillance and Blueprint 15. **Commissioner Hernandez:** Wants to discuss creating spaces and shelters for teens fleeing domestic violence.

Motion to adjourn meeting: 10-0

Meeting adjourned: 7 p.m.