

City of Geneva Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Taskforce

Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2022

Call to Order

The regular meeting of City of Geneva DEI Taskforce called to order at 6:33pm at the Fire Department.

Council Chambers by Chair Nuzzo.

Roll Call

Present: Nuzzo, Gramlich, McMillen, Forst, Cervenka, Amaya, also present Johnson.

Amendments to the Agenda

None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held February 23, 2022 motion to approve. 1st McMillen and 2nd

Gramlich.

Presentation

City of Geneva Police Chief Passarelli gave an informal presentation about the City's police department policies and procedures.

Chief Passarelli identified the many efforts the City and department are taking to be inclusive and aware of serving a diverse public. Internally, the department has worked to expand its diversity by hiring more female officers and Spanish speaking officers. The department also employs a full time social worker who is on call 24/7 work with the department on calls involving the need for social services intervention such as domestic incidents or mental health concerns.

Police officers issue a six-question survey after every traffic stop to provide citizens the opportunity to voice any concerns they have regarding the stop. The majority of responses are positive. Any negative responses are handled internally immediately.

Chief identified several areas for improvement. The department was planning to expand its training for specialized audiences, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these trainings were placed on hold. As more opportunities to serve the public with social services, instead of police interventions are identified, there is also an increased need for additional social workers.

On a larger scale, the department would like to see an expanded department office with more segregated holding for juveniles and more expanded meeting rooms.

New Business/Public Comment

Resident Christine expressed concern for the City's overall priorities lacking resources for seniors.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:05PM, next meeting will be held April 27, 2022, at 6:30pm at the City Hall Council Chambers.

Minutes submitted by: Ashley Nuzzo-Ericksen