

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
May 3, 2022

Members Present: Gabe Nudo, Erin Decker, Terry Rose, Amanda Nedweski, Aaron Karow, Mark Nordigian, Brian Thomas, Zach Rodriguez

Excused:

Absent:

YIG: Present: Excused

Others Present:

8:10 PM

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Nudo

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2. Citizen comments: A community member states that “the Racial and Ethnic Equity Commission is starting, and it is important. The Race Dominant factor in the community is an issue until we address it. There is no reason African American should be locked up five times more likely than whites. There is no difference between black and white.”

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3. Chair, Supervisor Comments: Chair Nudo states this is a short meeting for future plans. There has never been set meetings on a regular basis for this committee in the past. He would like to meet regularly this term on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00pm. He wants to set goals for this year and welcomes ideas to put on the agenda for next month’s meeting to discuss.

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4. Communications- None

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5. Discussion of Goals and plans for term- Supervisor Rose has ideas and goals for the coming year as follows: 1. Economic Development is important. Issues of higher per capita income for Kenosha County- ours is not where it should be. We need to get more people at a higher income, and it needs to be a higher priority. 2 Lower property taxes. Our taxes have to be in line, so people want to come to this community. 3. He would like to look at the powers of the Health Department and see where they need to be; it is time to take a look at it. 4. Why are their vacancies in the Sheriff’s department? W need to fill these positions and find out why they are leaving; are the salaries too low?

Supervisor Karow stated he had a chance to sit with Andy Buhler and our housing starts in available vacant lots is much lower in Kenosha County that other counties and states. He will continue to talk with Mr. Buhler to see what he comes up with.

Supervisor Nordigian feels there is a disconnect with unemployed. There is a significant need for jobs with no applicants. People need help with childcare, transportation, mental health issues, education and we need to help.

Supervisor Thomas questions what happened at the riots and why it went on for so many days. He feels the community is owed an explanation. Some businesses never came back. As an investor, he has a hard

time investing in the areas that were destroyed. It is expensive to live in this County. People who make \$45-\$60K per year do not make enough to save to buy a home because the property taxes are high. Kenosha County will never attract enough employees. He would like the riots addressed and what it will cost to live in this County since it is unsustainable. He would also like to see the County website more user friendly.

Supervisor Rodriguez would like to take a look at emergency preparedness and what we are doing to be prepared. It seems we have not been prepared recently with who's in charge and knowing what to do. What do the powers of our department heads and elected officials authority hold? What are the duties and what powers do we have? What are we going to do and what can we do to be prepared? We have a retention problem with Kenosha Sheriff's Department, employees are leaving to neighboring agencies. We want employees to know they're appreciated and making sure this community is the best we have to offer.

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6. Future Scheduling: Supervisor Decker suggests meeting the third Thursday this month since Supervisor Thomas is not yet appointed to the Racial and Ethnic Equity Commission. Supervisor Rodriguez suggests to skip a May meeting since schedules are not able to be coordinated. Next meeting set for June 23rd at 6:00pm.

8:38 PM

7. Adjourn: **Supervisor Rodriguez made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Decker. All Aye. Motion Carried**

Respectfully submitted,
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