

Village of Shorewood 2020 Annual Report

**VILLAGE OF SHOREWOOD
DEPARTMENT / COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Instructions: To help inform the Village Board on the annual operations, services and activities being performed by all areas of the Village, the Village Manager is asking each department and citizen committee to complete the following report. Please contact the Village Manager’s Office if you have any questions about the report.

Name of Department / Committee: Human Relations Commission

Name of Department Head / Committee Chair: Sharveta Parker

Other Department Managers / Committee Members:

McKenzie Edmonds, Molly Fox-Kincaid, Maria Van Hoorn, Charlie DeSando, Alicia Obiakor, Shavonda Sisson, Matt Weiss, Ana Belen Duran Lopez, Tyler Burkart (Staff Liaison), Clarke Warren (School Board Liaison), Wesley Warren (Trustee Liaison)

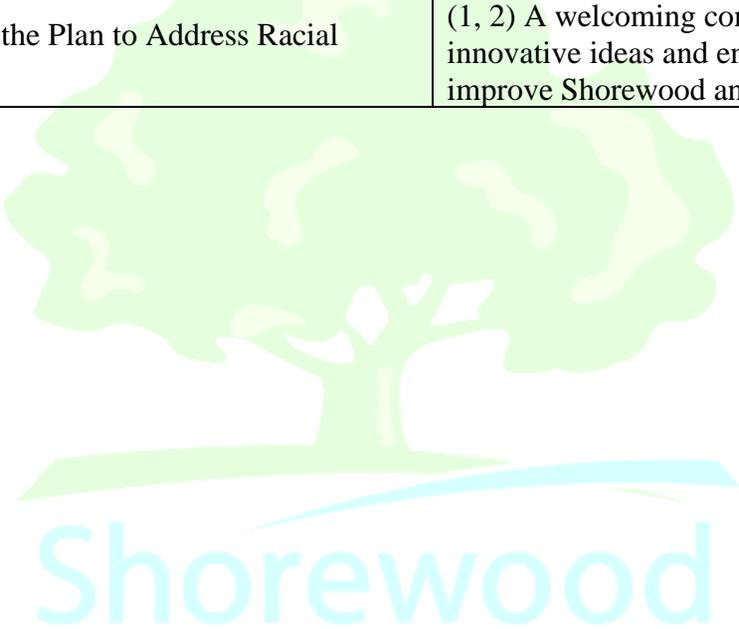
Identify your most significant department / committee services and activities performed in the past year.

1. Reviewed and participated in the Shorewood Police Organization Analysis process.
2. Provided Village Board recommendation on Trick or Treat hours.
3. Began discussions with the Police Department on 8 Can’t Wait campaign.
4. Explored reasons why Aramark was selected with the School District.
5. Coordinated first Shorewood Speaks campaign and began setting up next one to take place in the summer.
6. Began planning efforts for grant to conduct implicit bias training for the Shorewood community.
7. Members participated on the Village’s EDI Committee.

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Identify your department / committee proposed initiatives that you hope to perform or implement in future years. Initiatives are significant subjects such as service delivery changes, capital items, programs, or studies that require Village resources and time to execute. Each initiative listed should link to one of the six vision statements in [Vision 2025](#) on pages 6-8. Include the vision number(s) in the “Relationship to Vision 2025” column corresponding with the vision statement(s) that best relates to the initiative along with a brief explanation. For each initiative, please complete the “Request Execution of New Village Initiative” form to complete this section. For citizen committees, please utilize your staff liaison to complete this form.

Department / Committee Initiative(s)	Relationship to Vision 2025
1. Implement initiatives identified in the Plan to Address Racial Inequities (see attached)	(1, 2) A welcoming community embracing new people, innovative ideas and engaging with others to continuously improve Shorewood and the Milwaukee metro area



Shorewood Speaks: Candid Conversations on Progress towards Racial Equity

Village of Shorewood - Human Relations Commission			Sub-Committee: Data	
Initiative	Summary	Priority Ranking	Action(s) needed	Community Partners
Report of Law Enforcement Calls and Interactions regarding Mental Health	Provide a comprehensive report on SPD interactions with civilians for concerns of mental health. Analyze outcomes of interactions, with a specific focus on Bayside dispatch. Work with other HRC subcommittees to discuss if education or policy is best to change concerns if any are found from analysis.	2021	1. Meet with Lt. Liebenthal and/or Chief Nimmer to discuss current processes for SPD and training 2. Work with Bayside Dispatch on data available 3. Review current policies for documentation	SPD, Bayside Dispatch, NAMI, YWCA
Evaluate and Improve Process for Law Enforcement Data Requests	Collaborate with SPD to see if there are ways we can advocate to improve their data collection system so that there is ease for staff to process requests, including those that come from civilian complaints. Improve current capture capabilities of documentation system. Educate the public on what data is currently available from SPD. Utilize lived experiences through story telling in data reports.	2020	1. Meet with Lt. Liebenthal and/or Chief Nimmer to discuss current processes and challenges for SPD 2. Work with Bayside Dispatch on data available 3. Review current policies for documentation 4. Review requests made to SPD and the time it took to fulfill requests	SPD, Bayside Dispatch
Analyze Dispatch Data for potential support of CAREN ACT (in collaboration with policy sub-committee)	If policy committee has interest in pursuing policy change (through ordinance) for calls to SPD with racially biased and hateful motivations, work to collect and analyze data for their advocacy.	Next 5 years	1. Take direction from policy sub-committee. 2. Work with SPD/Bayside Dispatch to collect data	SPD, Bayside Dispatch
Create Space for Pathways to Change	Create opportunities for individuals to share lived experiences interacting with Village entities through their personal narratives and compare with Village documentation. For example, a civilian sharing their interaction with law enforcement presented with official police report. This initiative can be used as a public educational tool, to improve protocols and policies within departments and to empower civilians by educating them on protocol policies. With this initiative, we discussed at great length the importance of intention and the thoughtful approach that will be necessary to reduce trauma.	2021	This process is TBD.	Community Members, SPD, Village of Shorewood

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Village of Shorewood - Human Relations Commission			Sub-Committee: Education	
Initiative	Summary	Priority Ranking	Action(s) needed	Community Partners
EDI Training for Community Members	Shorewood Library will work with SMF, HRC, and other community groups to host an educational training for the community to learn about diversity, equity, and inclusion	2021	Any funding approval with the Library Board or HRC	Shorewood Library, Shorewood Department on Aging, Wisconsin Historical Society
Shorewood Speaks	There will be ongoing conversations that are engaging and thought provoking despite being uncomfortable for others to challenge their current lens (video and book); develop a different discussion quarterly with topics potentially centered around business, landlords, renters, students, etc.	2020	HRC to approve any funds needed for facilitators	HRC members, subcommittees, community advocates, facilitators (i.e. Project Onyx)
Shorewood Police Study	Shorewood Village 2020-2021 Initiatives to investigate the many perspectives of policing in the village and the inequity of SPD/Community contact (racial disproportionality)	2020	August 2020-December 2020	Shorewood Library, Shorewood Department on Aging, Shorewood Police Department, Shorewood Community Members, Shorewood High School and Shorewood School Board
Film Series on Diversity	Coordinate a film series on various topics of diversity and conduct a discussion afterwards; participants could bring food or beverage; potentially could be completed outside and in partnership with another group	2021	HRC to approve film rights; staff reserve space	Community Groups (i.e. SMC or SWC), Recreation Department, School District, Library, SRC, SMF, Police Department
Musical Performances Celebrating Diversity	Host a series of concerts that uses music to celebrate diversity; work with community partners to host performance in various locations in Shorewood	Next 5 years	HRC and any other groups to approve funding; fundraising may be needed	Community Groups (i.e. SMC or SWC), Recreation Department, School District, Library, SRC, SMF, BID

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Village of Shorewood - Human Relations Commission, Policy Subcommittee			Sub-Committee:	Policy
Initiative	Summary	Priority Ranking	Action(s) needed	Community Partners
Explore the allocation of SPD and school resources to hire a social worker who can respond with police and independently.	Police social workers have been employed in many police departments to provide services to community residents such as crisis intervention, mediation, referrals as well as responses to mental health, domestic violence and juvenile justice issues. Additional tasks may include the provision of training and consultation to police officers, and mental health services to police officers and their families.	Next 5 years	1.) Conduct further research on current models for employing a police social worker (2) Determine how many social workers serve Shorewood Schools and if any existing partnerships exist between the police department and social workers. (3) Meet with police and school officials to determine benefits and pitfalls of this proposal (3) Determine funding mechanism - is cost-sharing the best option or feasible?	SPD, Shorewood School Board, Northshore Police, Data Subcommittee, existing community partners
Work with the Shorewood Police Department to adopt the #8CantWait Campaign's recommend policies to address use of force policies employed by police.	There are 8 use of force policies that are recommended under the "8can'twait" campaign which include the following (1) requiring de-escalation, (2) Duty intervene (3) Bans Chokeholds and Strangleholds (4) Requires warning before shooting (5) bans shooting at moving vehicles (6) exhaust alternatives before shooting (7) use of force continuum, (8) Comprehensive Force Reporting. Please see https://8cantwait.org/ for more information.	2020	1.) Meet with SPD to determine which 8 policies have not been adopted 2.) Explore adopting one or all of policies that are not currently in place	SPD HRC Policy Subcommittee Data Subcommittee Lead
Conduct qualitative analysis/review of dispatch calls that are categorized as racially motivated to support the implementation of the CAREN Act potentially	This will compliment the HRC Data Subcommittee's efforts to collect quantitative data about the number of racially motivated calls received by police and support interest in pursuing policy change via the CAREN Act and/or internal SPD policy changes	2021	1.) Meet with SPD and the HRC Subcommittee	SPD HRC Policy Subcommittee. Data Subcommittee
Explore why Aramark was selected as the food vendor for Shorewood Public Schools.	Aramark has a history of unethical practices, use of Private Prisons for profit, and other racist actions. Examine if they are serving food that is culturally sensitive. Understand why this contractor was selected and when it is feasible to terminate or not renew the contract. Explore how ethical practices can be incorporated into future Shorewood School request for proposals (RFPs)/contract bids.	2020	1.) Meet with school board to determine why contract was selected and inform school board of concerns with the company	Shorewood School Board and relevant officials, HRC Policy Subcommittee