

Human Relations and Equity Committee Meeting
Madison Heights, Michigan
April 17, 2025

A Human Relations and Equity Committee Meeting was held on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 6:30 PM at Library - Breckenridge Room, 240 W. 13 Mile Rd.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Vice Chair Aaron Brown
Kate Kapas
Tanner Langdon
Jessica Showers
Ashley Strunk
Council Representative Quinn Wright

Also present: Heather Hames, Staff Liaison

EXCUSED ABSENT

Chair Alec Yu
Council Representative Alternate Emily Rohrbach

ABSENT

Rebecca Chambliss
Student Delegate (Madison) Colton Chambliss

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of March 20, 2025

Motion by Brown to approve the minutes of March 20, 2025. Seconded by Kapas.

Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Kevin Wright from Madison Heights Citizens United invited HREC to have a non-profit table at the Juneteenth event, as non-profit tables are now by invite only.

Wright also inquired about the Juneteenth Scholarship previously mentioned at HREC meetings.

Wright also invited HREC members to the Juneteenth flag raising on Friday June 13, 2025 at 8 am at City Hall.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

2. Upcoming Events

Paradise Eve lantern festival, Saturday May 31, 2025.
Juneteenth, Saturday June 14, 2025.
Arts and Pride, Sunday June 22, 2025.

Motion by Brown to create a subcommittee for the Juneteenth table to consist of Kapas, Strunk, and Brown. Seconded by Kapas. Motion passed unanimously.

FOOD INSECURITY

No update at this time.

POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

Library Safe Child policy will be reviewed and recommendation made at subcommittee meeting.

REVIN IN THE HEIGHTS

3. LEGO Group

A representative from the Michigan LEGO Users Group discussed the possibility of the group attending Revin in the Heights. HREC asked for a proposal.

SOCIAL MEDIA

4. Social Media April - May 2025

April

National Arab American Heritage Month - Wright

Autism Acceptance Month - Hames

Passover - Hames

Easter/Orthodox Easter - Showers

Eid-al-fitr - Hames

May

Mental Health Awareness Month - Kapas

Jewish Heritage Month - volunteer from public, Brian

Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month - Wright

Cinco de Mayo - Brown

Memorial Day - Strunk

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. Accessibility Study

Showers shared feedback from the Oakland County ARC Accessibility study. Between 60-70 people responded, with 3 from Madison Heights. Generally, participants responded that the Oakland County cities they visit have average rating for accessible services but the most often mentioned areas of interest were in Transportation and Recreation. Troy and Rochester Hills were highest rated.

Motion made by Showers to create an Accessibility Survey based specific to Madison Heights based on the Oakland County Arc model. Seconded by Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Disability Programs

Motion made by Brown to create a subcommittee made up of Showers, Strunk, and Hames to plan an adaptive game night social program to take place in July at the Library. Seconded by Showers. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

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