

Human Relations and Equity Committee Meeting
Madison Heights, Michigan
February 19, 2026

A Human Relations and Equity Committee Meeting was held on Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 6:30 PM at Library - Breckenridge Room, 240 W. 13 Mile Rd.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chair Yu at 6:35 pm.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Andrew Attard
Aaron Brown
Tanner Langdon
Teresa Scott
Ashley Strunk
Alec Yu
Council Representative Quinn Wright

Also Present Heather Hames, Staff Liaison

Motion made by Brown to excuse Kate Kapas, Seconded by Strunk. All ayes, motion passed unanimously.

ABSENT

Rebecca Chambliss

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of January 15, 2026

Motion made by Langdon to approve the minutes of January 15, 2026, Seconded by Attard. All ayes, motion passed unanimously.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No one present wishing to speak.

ADAPTIVE PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES

2. a. Adaptive Game Night - March 25, 2026 - games and volunteers are all set for the event.

Motion made by Strunk to spend \$50 for light refreshments for the event, Seconded by Brown. All ayes, motion passed unanimously.

- b. Community Resources website - no update.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

3. a. Arts and Pride - vendor form reviewed and ready to open to the public shortly. Sponsorship letter ready in the next week and Arts and Pride committee members will begin sharing sponsor letters with the community. QR codes and PayPal buttons nearly ready for vendors, sponsors and yard signs.
b. Lantern Festival - tentative date of May 30, 2026. Applying for the Civic Center Park Bandshell for the event.
c. Revin' in the Heights - looking for vendors. Date is September 19, 2026.

JUNETEENTH SCHOLARSHIP

4. Juneteenth Scholarship

Motion by Attard to fund the 2026 Juneteenth Scholarship amount at \$619, approve the application with changes to dollar amount and opening application to both high school seniors and current college students, with the time period to run from February 20, 2026 through May 20, 2026, Seconded by Langdon. All ayes, motion passed unanimously.

NOVELS AND NEIGHBORS BOOK CLUB

5. a. Meeting dates and times
b. Title selections for upcoming meetings

Motion made by Brown to change the Novels and Neighbors book club meeting time to 6:30 pm to begin with June meeting, and set the meeting dates and titles selected as listed below, Seconded by Strunk. All ayes, motion passed unanimously

June 9, 2026 - Heated Rivalry by Rachel Reid (Party and Book Discussion)

August 11, 2026 - Good People by Patmeena Sabit

October 13, 2026 - Holly Jolly Diwali by Sonya Lalli

November 12, 2026 - Online Only - Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng

December 8, 2026 - Love You A Latke by by Amanda Elliot

POLICY REVIEW - LIBRARY

6. a. Exhibit, Display, Artwork, and Handouts Policy
Reviewed - no changes to recommend.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.