

Human Relations and Equity Committee Meeting  
Madison Heights, Michigan  
January 18, 2024

A Human Relations and Equity Committee Meeting was held on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 6:00 PM at Library - Breckenridge Room, 240 W. 13 Mile Rd.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm by Chair Szymanski.

### **ROLL CALL**

#### **PRESENT**

Chair Paige Szymanski  
Nickole Fox  
Syed Murtaza-Rose  
Council Representative Alternate Emily Rohrbach

#### **ALSO PRESENT**

Staff Liaison, Heather Hames

#### **EXCUSED ABSENT**

Rebecca Chambliss  
Alec Yu  
Council Representative Quinn Wright  
Student Delegate Colton Chambliss

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Murtaza-Rose to approve the minutes from November 28, 2023, Seconded by Fox. Passed unanimously.

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### **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

No one present wishing to speak.

### **CALENDAR**

Motion made by Council Representative Alternate Rohrbach for the Human Relations and Equity Commission to refer to Drexel University's religious holiday calendar as a starting point for creating the HREC 2024 Calendar and to have Chair Szymanski create social media content for holidays in January and February 2024, and S. Murtaza-Rose create social media content for March 2024, Seconded by Murtaza-Rose. Passed unanimously.

### **JUNETEENTH**

Date is set for Saturday, June 15, 2024 by Madison Heights Citizens United.

## **MOTORAMA AND SMOKE**

Motion made by Council Representative Alternate Rohrbach to give Council Representative Wright the authority to work with community partners to secure a date for the Motorama and Smoke event with a goal for July 2024 in order to date can be set prior to the city brochure deadline with the caveat that if an exact date cannot be set prior to deadline that the Human Relations and Equity Commission will still advertise the event without a date but include a link that will direct people to a webpage with the most current event details, Seconded by Fox. Passed unanimously.

## **COOKBOOK**

The cookbook subcommittee discussed progress and plan for ways to promote and encourage cookbook entries from community, including advertising the project in the city brochure.

## **BOOK CLUB**

Novels and Neighbors is now accepting title suggestions through January 23 and voting will take place January 24-30 so that titles from April-August can be advertised in the city brochure. Suggestions and voting will take place on the Human Relations and Equity Commission social media pages and in the library or by phone to the Staff Liaison, Heather Hames at the Library.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm.

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