

Human Relations and Equity Commission
Madison Heights, Michigan
May 16, 2024

A Human Relations and Equity Commission was held on Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 6:00 PM at Library - Breckenridge Room, 240 W. 13 Mile Rd.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Szymanski at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chair Paige Szymanski
Aaron Brown
Nickole Fox
Syed Murtaza-Rose
Jessica Showers
Council Representative Quinn Wright (arrived at 6:15 pm)
Council Representative Alternate Emily Rohrbach (left at 7:00 pm)

Motion by Rohrbach to excuse Yu, seconded by Brown. Motion passes unanimously.

ABSENT

Rebecca Chambliss
Madison Student Delegate Colton Chambliss

Also present City Manager Melissa Marsh and Staff Liaison Heather Hames.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of April 18, 2024

Motion by Rohrbach to approve the minutes of April 18, 2024, Seconded by Brown.
Motion passes unanimously.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No one present wishing to speak.

2. City Manager Presentation

WORK PLAN UPDATES

3. Calendar and Social Media Plan June 2024

Motion by Showers to create content and social media posts for Juneteenth June 19, Pride Month in June, second Eid June 16-17 and Shavuot June 11-13. Seconded by Brown. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Murtaza-Rose to assign the responsibility of Juneteenth to Brown, Pride to Showers, and Eid and Shavuot to Murtaza-Rose. Seconded by Brown. Motion passes unanimously.

4. Juneteenth

Motion by Brown have the Human Relation and Equity Commission participate in Juneteenth with a booth, Seconded by Showers. Motion passes unanimously.

5. Novels and Neighbors Next Book Selections

Motion by Showers to schedule the Novels and Neighbors book club every other month after September 2024 when the currently advertised sessions end. Seconded by Fox. Motion passes unanimously.

Please submit any recommended titles to Staff Liaison Hames.

6. Car Show Update

The car show is still in planning stages. Volunteers needed. Looking for a partner to oversee a kids zone for the event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. Zoning Topics

Motion by Brown to table this topic indefinitely. Seconded by Showers. Motion passes unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Nomination for Michigan Humanities Award - Outstanding Humanities Organization

9. Donation received

10. Arts and Pride

Motion by Fox to co-sponsor and participate in the Arts and Pride event on June 23, 2024. Seconded by Showers. Motion passes unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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