



**CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS**

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**HUMAN RELATIONS AND EQUITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES**

**APRIL 07, 2022 AT 6:00 PM**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairperson Szymanski called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Rebecca Chambliss

Nickole Fox

Paige Szmanski

Alternate Sandra Quackenbush

Alternate Kevin Wright

**ABSENT**

Chair Cemone Moy

Amy Guzynski

Jessica Tutt

Council Alternate Quinn Wright

Council Representative Emily Rohrbach

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Approval of Minutes from March 9, 2022.**

Motion made by Alternate Wright, Seconded by Szmanski to approve the minutes of March 9, 2022.

Voting Yea: Chambliss, Fox, Szmanski, Alternate Quackenbush, Alternate Wright

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

There was no one present wishing to speak.

**REPORTS**

**Advise & Educate**

**Communications**

**Fundraising**

**Volunteers & Collaborations**

Advise & Educate - Commissioner Tutt reached out to Chief Haines about mental health policies in the police department. The understanding is that there are trainings offered, but no specific policies.

Communications - Vice Chairperson Szymanski will be available to attend the next City Council meeting to provide an update on HREC happenings. Commissioner Wright requested admin access to the HREC Facebook page, as did Commissioner Fox, in order to help create social media posts. A social gathering is planned for HREC in May, Communications team will reach out to HREC members to coordinate a date soon.

Fundraising - Plant/book sale planned for July. Date TBD.

Volunteers & Collaboration - Team waiting for HREC list of recognition days/months for final decisions.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Juneteenth Event Business**

Juneteenth - Working on getting an ASL sign language interpreter for the event. Cemone may have a contact.

Commissioner Tutt has reached out to multiple possible performers and educators for the event. A dance performance is in the works with Royalty Dance. Also looking into Rosie Chapman. X. Alexander Durden is on board to come back for educational readings and other plans. Michael Howard will pair education with the performance as part of laying out steps for racial healing Listen, Learn, Lament, and Leverage.

Voter registration booth/table will be present.

Volunteers needed - 45-50 or more. T-shirts or lanyards for volunteers possible. Commissioner Szymanski offered to help make them, Commissioners Chambliss and Fox also offered support to help make them.

HREC Escrow account at \$2,439.96. After Smoke Jones payment of \$1,150.00 comes out, remaining balance will be \$1,289.96. Note-MACC grant increased slightly to \$1,800.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Recognition Days/Months for HREC**

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Commissioner Quackenbush recommends including December 3 as International Persons with Disabilities Day.

Commissioner K. Wright suggested to recognize April as Arab American Heritage Month.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month.

A proposed list will go out to HREC members as a sign up sheet to help create content for social media posts.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

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