

Human Relations and Equity Committee Meeting
Madison Heights, Michigan
March 29, 2023

A Human Relations and Equity Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 5:00 PM at Department of Public Service - Recreation 801 Ajax Madison Heights MI 48071

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chair Paige Szymanski
Nickole Fox
Emily Reetz
Syed Myrtaza
Council Alternate Quinn Wright

ALSO PRESENT

Heather Hames, Staff Liaison

EXCUSED

Council Representative Emily Rohrbach

ABSENT

Marie Urban

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE

ARTS BOARD REQUEST

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of February 8, 2023

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Jennifer Nagle representing the Madison Heights Arts Board requested \$200.00 for the Arts and Pride event and for the Human Relations and Equity Commission to co-sponsor the event scheduled for June 4, 2023 from 2 pm - 6 pm at Civic Center Park. E. Reetz, S. Murtaza, and Liaison Hames volunteered for the sub-committee to help plan the event.

Motion made by E. Reetz, Seconded by S. Murtaza.

Voting Yea: Chair P. Szymanski, N. Fox, E. Reetz, S. Murtaza, Council Alternate Q. Wright.

Kevin Wright representing Madison Heights Citizens United requested the Human Relations Equity Commission to co-sponsor two events:

- 1) Four Steps for Racial Recognition to take place on May 11, 2023 at 6:30 pm at the Madison Heights Active Adult Center.

2) Juneteenth Flag Raising to take place on June 16, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. outside of City Hall.

Motion made by S. Murtaza, Seconded by N. Fox.

Voting Yea: Chair P. Szymanski, N. Fox, E. Reetz, S. Murtaza, Council Alternate Q. Wright.

COUNCIL UPDATE

Council Alternate Q. Wright shared the opportunity for the Human Relations Equity Commission to sponsor the following events:

Presentations: Early Jewish Detroit and Northwest Detroit by the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan.

Bus Tours: Jewish Detroit History Talks and Bus Tour

Motion made by E. Reetz, Seconded by S. Murtaza.

Voting Yea: Chair P. Szymanski, N. Fox, E. Reetz, S. Murtaza, Council Alternate Q. Wright.

Group Tour of the Charles H. Wright Museum

Motion made by S. Murtaza, Seconded by E. Reetz.

Voting Yea: Chair P. Szymanski, N. Fox, E. Reetz, S. Murtaza, Council Alternate Q. Wright.

ROUNDTABLE

Cook Book update: HREC needs to select a vendor.

Plant Sale update: Not Spring - not date yet but it will be later in the year.

Memorial Day Parade: Unfortunately, no one on the HREC commission will be available to participate as a group in this event. Will continue to brain-storm ideas on how to participate in the future.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Juneteenth Craft or Activity

Craft or activity still to be determined. HREC members who will be available for the Juneteenth event/HREC table this year include S. Murtaza, Council Alternate Q. Wright and Staff Liaison H. Hames.

NEW BUSINESS

HREC Member Marie Urban has not attended nor been in communication regarding her HREC appointment since August 2022 and it is recommended that she be removed administratively.

Motion made by Council Alternate Q. Wright, Seconded by Chair P. Szymanski.

Voting Yea: Chair P. Szymanski, N. Fox, E. Reetz, S. Murtaza, Council Alternate Q. Wright.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

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