



CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS

LIBRARY - BRECKENRIDGE ROOM, 240 W. 13 MILE RD.

HUMAN RELATIONS AND EQUITY COMMISSION AGENDA

MAY 16, 2024 AT 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- [1.](#) Minutes of April 18, 2024

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

PRESENTATION

2. City Manager Presentation

WORK PLAN UPDATES

3. Calendar and Social Media Plan June 2024
4. Juneteenth
- [5.](#) Novels and Neighbors Next Book Selections
6. Car Show Update

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. Zoning Topics

NEW BUSINESS

- [8.](#) Nomination for Michigan Humanities Award - Outstanding Humanities Organization
- [9.](#) Donation received
- [10.](#) Arts and Pride

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE: Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation through electronic means in this meeting should contact the City Clerk at (248) 583-0826 or by email: clerks@madison-heights.org at least two working days in advance of the meeting. An attempt will be made to make reasonable accommodations.

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Chair Szymanski.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

- Chair Paige Szymanski
- Aaron Brown
- Nickole Fox
- Jessica Showers
- Alec Yu
- Council Representative Quinn Wright

Also present, staff liaison Heather Hames.

Motion to excuse Syed Murtaza-Rose and Council Representative Alternate Emily Rohrbach made by Yu, seconded by Brown. Motion passes unanimously.

ABSENT

- Rebecca Chambliss
- Madison Student Delegate Colton Chambliss

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting March 21, 2024
Motion to approve the minutes of March 21, 2024 made by Fox, seconded by Brown. Motion passes unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

2. Minutes of Special Meeting of April 4, 2024
Motion to approve the minutes as corrected made by Brown, seconded by Yu. Motion passes unanimously.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

None

WORK PLAN UPDATES

No further updates on Motorama and Smoke beyond what was decided at the special meeting on April 4, 2024.

Motion to send a representative to the Juneteenth flag raising at City Hall on June 14, 2024 made by Brown, seconded by Showers. Motion passes unanimously.

Book club attendance is increasing and book circulation is also increasing.

Motion made by Brown, seconded by Showers to create and share social media posts on the following cultural and religious observances in May: Mental Health Awareness Month (by Yu), and Jewish Heritage Month, Asian and Pacific Islander Month, Cinco de Mayo, Orthodox Easter, and Memorial Day (by Szymanski). Motion passes unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. OCBA Mock Trial Program

Motion by Yu to support the Oakland County Bar Association Mock Trial program and share as a resource to local schools, seconded by Brown, Motion passes unanimously.

4. Zoning Topics

Motion to table this discussion made by Showers, seconded by Yu. Motion passes unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

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Recommendation to move from every month to every other month – feedback from participants is that it is hard to read one book per month.

Example:

Month and Year	Title	Author	Recognition
November 2024	Indian Burial Ground	Nick Medina	Native American Heritage Month
February 2025	James	Percival Everett	Black History Month
April 2025	Evil Eye	Etaf Rum	Arab American Heritage Month
June 2025	Guncle Abroad	Steven Rowley	Pride Month
August 2025			Intersectionality Awareness Month
October 2025	Secret Diaries of Miss Anne Lister: I Know My Own Heart	Anne Lister	LGBTQ History Month

Month and Year	Title	Author	Recognition
January 2026			MLK or International Holocaust Day
March 2026			Women’s History Month
May 2026	Katabasis	R.F.Kuang	Jewish Heritage or Asian AAPI Heritage
July 2026			Disability Pride Month
September 2026			Hispanic Heritage Month
November 2026			Men’s Mental Health Awareness Month

From: Maurice Imhoff <MImhoff@mihumanities.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2024 9:32 AM
To: Maurice Imhoff <MImhoff@mihumanities.org>
Subject: You've Been Nominated! Michigan Humanities Awards 2024

Good morning,

My name is Maurice Imhoff, Programs and Events Coordinator at Michigan Humanities, I wanted to reach out because either you or your organization have been nominated for a 2024 Michigan Humanities Award!

We will announce award winners by mid-May, in these two categories: Humanities Champion of the Year-Individual, and Outstanding Humanities Organization. Award recipients receive \$2500 to use towards a celebration in their community or a project supporting their work.

Stay tuned to Michigan Humanities' social media as we highlight our 2024 nominees over the next few weeks.

Please reach out to me with any questions, and congrats on your nomination!

Kindest regards,

Maurice Imhoff (he/him)
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From: Maurice Imhoff <MImhoff@mihumanities.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 3:18 PM
To: Maurice Imhoff <MImhoff@mihumanities.org>
Subject: Michigan Humanities Awards Results

Good afternoon,

Congratulations again on your nomination for the 2024 Michigan Humanities Awards! Someone was truly impacted by the work you or your organization is doing and nominated you for one of our state-wide humanities awards.

We had a large number of nominations this year and the selection committee had the very difficult job of choosing just two to receive the award, and I'm afraid you did not receive a Michigan Humanities Award this year. While you were not chosen this year, we hope you join us in being so proud of the work you are doing in public humanities. We will be announcing award recipients via press release and social media sometime this month.

We wish you all the best and are so happy to have you as a partner in the humanities community. Please visit www.michiganhumanities.org for more information on how we at Michigan Humanities can help support the work you are doing.

Kindest regards,

Maurice Imhoff (he/him)
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Mission: Bringing people together through stories, histories, cultures, and conversations.

The Human Relations and Equity Commission received a \$100 donation from the Madison Heights Women's Club on April 26, 2024.

"We are honored to support the great work that you do. Please accept this donation on behalf of the Madison Heights Women's Club."

Allison Dutton

GFWC/MHWC Treasurer

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Arts & Pride Facebook event link:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/427387163242862/?ref=newsfeed>

Civic Center Park, Pavilion B

The annual Madison Heights hometown Arts & LGBTQ Pride Festival welcomes families with open arms, offering a cozy atmosphere filled with vibrant colors and creativity.

Local artists showcase their talents through diverse exhibits, fostering a sense of community and acceptance. Rainbow flags flutter alongside whimsical decorations, creating a joyful ambiance where everyone feels celebrated and embraced.

From music to interactive workshops, there's something for every age and interest, making it a cherished event for both locals and visitors alike.

Face painting, caricatures, custom pride buttons, music and more!

Bring a white t-shirt, bag, bandana, etc, for a special art activity that anyone can do! Natural fibers like cotton or linen work best.

Want to get involved, share your talents or just make the day run smoothly? Volunteer here: <https://forms.gle/PagqT7SYWmYms7zc6>

Co-Sponsored by the Madison Heights Human Relations and Equity Commission and Madison Heights Arts Board