



**CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS**

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

**HUMAN RELATIONS AND EQUITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
AGENDA**

**JUNE 18, 2026 AT 6:30 PM**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- [1.](#) Minutes of May 27, 2026

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**ADAPTIVE PROGRAMS**

**COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS**

- [2.](#) Arts and Pride Summary
3. Revin' in the Heights
4. Paradise Eve Lantern Festival Summary
- [5.](#) Juneteenth

**NOVELS AND NEIGHBORS BOOK CLUB**

**SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS**

- [6.](#) Social Media Posts

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

7. Promoting Programs and Events
8. Presentation to City Council

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Human Relations and Equity Committee Special Meeting  
Madison Heights, Michigan  
May 27, 2026

A Human Relations and Equity Committee Special Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 6:30 PM at Library - Breckenridge Room, 240 W. 13 Mile Rd.

**CALL TO ORDER**

at 6:53 p.m. by Vice Chair Brown.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

- Vice Chair Aaron Brown
- Kate Kapas
- Teresa Scott
- Ashley Strunk
- Council Representative Quinn Wright

**ALSO PRESENT**

Alternate Staff Liaison Vanessa Verdun-Morris

**ABSENT**

- Andrew Attard
- Rebecca Chambliss
- Tanner Langdon
- Chair Alec Yu
- Council Representative Alternate Emily Rohrbach
- Student Member Aaron Dockery
- Alternate Hannah Jarvie
- Staff Liaison Heather Hames

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of April 16, 2026  
Motion made by Council Representative Wright, Seconded by Kapas. Passed unanimously.
2. Approval of Minutes for May 21, 2026.  
Motion made by Council Representative Wright, Seconded by Kapas. Passed unanimously.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**WORK PLAN ITEMS**

3. Accessibility and Community Resources

Approve events: Sensory Friendly Movies, Adaptive Game Night, Novels & Neighbors Heated Rivalry Party & Discussion.

Motion made by Council Representative Wright, Seconded by Kapas. Passed unanimously.

4. Juneteenth Scholarship entries

Award Juneteenth scholarship to Jordan Aaron in the amount of \$619.

Motion made by Kapas, Seconded by Strunk. Passed unanimously.

5. Novels and Neighbors Book Club

Next occurs on June 9.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

6. Arts and Pride

Approve site plan and budget, and allow subcommittee to adjust and change as needed within budget and time frame.

Motion made by Council Representative Wright, Seconded by Kapas. Passed unanimously.

HREC reaffirms its commitment to the event as planned.

Motion by Kapas, Seconded by Strunk. Passed unanimously.

*Strunk and Council Representative Wright volunteered to work the table for part of the event. Kapas volunteered to assist with set-up or teardown.*

7. Juneteenth Event

Allocate \$80-\$100.

Motion made by Scott, Seconded by Kapas. Passed unanimously.

8. Paradise Eve Lantern Festival

Approve the subcommittee working with event partners, payment of the DJ invoice with corrected date for \$500, and additional \$100 to be used for the event at the subcommittee's discretion.

Motion made by Kapas, Seconded by Strunk. Passed unanimously.

9. Revin' in the Heights

Work with Pfaff design and budget expenses up to \$8000 or the amount raised in fundraising, whichever is greater.

Motion made by Council Representative Wright, Seconded by Kapas. Passed unanimously.

Apply for MH Community Foundation \$5000 grant.

Motion made by Kapas, Seconded by Scott. Passed unanimously.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 7:20 by Vice Chair Brown.

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Arts and Pride 2026					
		<u>Invoiced/Paid</u>	<u>Estimated</u>		
	Karaoke	140			
	Drag Queen Story Time performer	300			
	Decorations	72	128		
	Art supplies	325			
	Volunteer Lanyards	27.99			
	Yard Signs to promote event	255			
	Face Painter	250			
	Banner	42			
	Printed postcards (2 orders \$85 x 500 ea)	170			
	Water and snacks - volunteers	170			
	Advertisement, social media and otherwise		200		
		1751.99	328.00	2,079.99	Expenses
Revenue		<u>Received/Committed</u>	<u>Estimated</u>		
	Arts Board		500		
	Human Relations and Equity Commission	500			
	Allyship Yard Signs	37.62			
	Vendor Fees (\$20 until April 7 then \$40)	681.29			
	Sponsorship - Alchemy Color Lab	970.61			
	Silent sponsor (local car dealership)	500			
	Individual sponsor	48.06			
	Individual sponsors for volunteer supplies	170			
		2,907.58	500.00	3,407.58	Revenue
				\$1,327.59	Remainder
				\$327.59	w/o Arts Board and HREC funds

**Juneteenth Table 6/20/26**

Juneteenth bracelet craft and activity fold up sheets, \$82.11



**Juneteenth Pony Bead Bracelet Craft Kit - Makes 12**

Makes 12 #14384101

Qty: 5

**\$10.99**



**Juneteenth Fold-Up Activity Sheets - 24 Pc.**

24 Piece(s) #14241613

Qty: 4

**\$6.79**

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## **DRAFT 2026 Recognition Days and Months – Madison Heights HREC**

### **January**

January 1 New Year's Day  
January 19 MLK Jr Day  
January 27 Holocaust Remembrance Day

### **February**

Black History Month  
February 17 Lunar New Year  
February 17 – March 19 Ramadan

### **March**

Women's History Month  
March 2-3 Purim  
March 4 Holi  
March 19-20 Eid-al-fitr  
March 31 Trans Day of Visibility

### **April**

National Arab American Heritage Month  
April 2 World Autism Day  
April 1-9 Passover  
April 5 Easter  
April 12 Orthodox Easter

### **May**

Mental Health Awareness Month  
Jewish Heritage Month  
Asian and Pacific Islander Month  
May 5 Cinco de Mayo  
May 25 Memorial Day  
May 26-27 Eid-al-adha

### **June**

Pride Month  
June 19 Juneteenth

## **July**

Disability Pride Month  
July 4 Independence Day

## **August**

Wellness Month  
Black Business Owners Month  
August 9 International Day of the Worlds' Indigenous People  
August 26 Women's Equality Day

## **September**

Hispanic Heritage Month  
Suicide Prevention Awareness Month  
September 7 Labor Day  
9/11  
September 11-13 Rosh Hashanah  
September 20-21 Yom Kippur  
September 25 Michigan Indian Day

## **October**

October 13 Indigenous People's Day

## **November**

Native American Heritage Month  
November 1-2 Day of the Dead  
November 8 Diwali  
November 11 Veteran's Day  
November 13 World Kindness Day  
November 20 Trans Day of Remembrance

## **December**

Hanukkah December 4-12  
Christmas December 25  
Kwanzaa December 26 – January 1  
New Year's Eve December 31