



CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS

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

**HUMAN RELATIONS AND EQUITY COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA**

NOVEMBER 28, 2023 AT 5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- [1.](#) Minutes of October 11, 2023

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Automotive Hall of Fame Traveling Exhibit

NEW BUSINESS

- [3.](#) Meeting Date Options for 2024
4. Freeway Noise Pollution
5. Parking Permits on Garbage Day

WORKPLAN 2023 REVIEW

- [6.](#) Work Plan 2023 Review
- [7.](#) The Cookbook Project
- [8.](#) Diverse Voices - 2023 Statistics

WORKPLAN 2024

- [9.](#) Rename Diverse Voices
- [10.](#) Book Selections 2024
11. 2024 Calendar with Social Media Content
12. MLK Event and Service Project 2024

ADJOURNMENT

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Human Relations and Equity Committee Meeting
Madison Heights, Michigan
October 11, 2023

A Human Relations and Equity Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 5:00 PM at Library - Breckenridge Room, 240 W. 13 Mile Rd.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:08 pm by Hames.

Motion by Rohrbach to have Murtaza chair the meeting. Seconded by Larry. All ayes, motion passes.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Nickole Fox
Alec Larry
Syed Murtaza
Council Representative Emily Rohrbach

ABSENT

Chair Paige Szymanski
Rebecca Chambliss
Colton Chambliss

Motion by Murtaza to excuse Szymanski, Chambliss and Chambliss. Seconded by Rohrbach. All ayes, motion passes.

Also present:

Council Representative Alternate Quinn Wright
Staff Liaison Heather Hames

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of August 31, 2023

Motion by Rohrbach to approve minutes of August 31, 2023. Seconded by Fox. All ayes, motion passes.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No one present wishing to speak.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Motorama and Smoke Event

3. Cookbook

Motion by Rohrbach to appoint Murtaza and Larry to the Cookbook Project sub-committee in order to promote the project in the community in order to collect a wider range of recipes and recruit additional volunteers as needed to work on the project with a goal of getting the cookbook to print by late fall 2024. Seconded by Larry. All ayes, motion passes.

4. Tree Lighting Event

Motion by Rohrbach for the Human Relation and Equity Commission to have a presence at the Tree Lighting event on November 27, 2023, to collect recipes and have an additional activity yet to be determined. Seconded by Murtaza. All ayes, motion passes.

5. Automotive Hall of Fame Traveling Exhibit

Motion by Rohrbach to table this item until the next meeting. Seconded by Fox. All ayes, motion passes.

6. Madison World Fair

Motion by Rohrbach to have the Human Relations Equity Commission have a presence at Madison High School's World Fair program on November 16, 2023. Seconded by Larry. All ayes, motion passes.

7. MLK Event for 2024

Motion by Rohrbach to appoint Larry and Wright to a subcommittee to start planning an MLK event and service project for 2024. Seconded by Larry. All ayes, motion passes.

8. Plant Sale Recap

Fox reported that the Native Plant Sale fundraiser went very well and raised \$1,337.42 net profit.

9. Next HREC Meeting

Hames will send out a doodle to determine the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm.

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1st Tuesdays

January 2
 February 6
 March 5
 April 2
 May 7
 June 4
 July 2
 August 6
 September 3
 October 1
 November 5 - election day
 December 3

2nd Tuesdays

January 9
 February 13
 March 12
 April 9
 May 14
 June 11
 July 9
 August 13
 September 10
 October 8
 November 12
 December 10

3rd Tuesdays

January 16
 February 20
 March 19
 April 16
 May 21
 June 18
 July 16
 August 20
 September 17
 October 15
 November 19
 December 17

1st Thursdays

January 4
 February 8
 March 7
 April 4
 May 9
 June 6
 July 4 - Closed
 August 8
 September 5
 October 3
 November 7
 December 5

2nd Thursdays

January 11
 February 15
 March 14
 April 11
 May 16
 June 13
 July 11
 August 15
 September 12
 October 10
 November 14
 December 12

3rd Thursdays

January 18
 February 20
 March 21
 April 18
 May 23
 June 20
 July 18
 August 22
 September 19
 October 17
 November 21
 December 19

4th Tuesdays

January 23
February 27
March 26
April 23
May 28
June 25
July 23
August 27
September 24
October 22
November 26
December 24 - closed

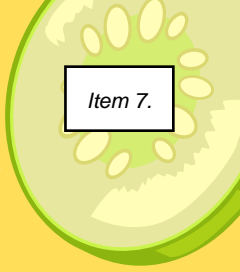
4th Thursdays

January 25
February 29
March 28
April 25
May 30
June 26
July 25
August 29
September 26
October 24
November 28
December 26 - closed

**MADISON HEIGHTS HUMAN RELATIONS AND EQUITY COMMISSION
2023 STRATEGIC PLAN**

Name of Project, Goal	Benefit if completed	Timeline for Completion	Resources needed (staff support, subcommittee, fundraising)	Measure of Success	Priority
Continue monthly book club and develop opportunities for outreach to the community and in schools.	Increase exposure to different viewpoints and cultures to individuals in Madison Heights and beyond	December 2023	Physical location to host the book club meetings; collaboration with library for book selection and book availability for circulation.	Continue to see interest in the book club book based on (1) increases to circulation of selected books, and (2) increases in number of participants at book club meetings.	Medium
Advise City Council on diversity and inclusion issues as opportunities arise	Diverse viewpoints and experiences will be considered by City Council	December 2023	None	City Council takes information presented by HREC under advisement during decision-making process	High
Participate in a meaningful way in Juneteenth	City will have a continued presence in planning of Juneteenth and the Juneteenth event	June 2023	May require coordination with police, fire department, and DPS	HREC has presence at the Juneteenth event	High

Prepare and sell community cookbook	Citizens will have an opportunity to contribute to cookbook and use recipes from their neighbors; HREC will fundraise	November 2023	May require coordination on city website to collect recipes online	Product is available for order and digital access by tree lighting.	Medium
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Item 7.

THE COOKBOOK PROJECT



Bringing our community together with food! Submit your recipes and stories that go with them. Here we can celebrate cultures, celebrations, family, friends, and neighbors.

**submit your
recipes!**



www.madison-heights.org/hrec

Ttile	Club in Person	Print	Book on CD	Libby ebook	Libby audiobook	
Homegoing	3	34	0	4	3	44
Libertie	2	3	0	0	2	7
Ayesha at Last	2	5	0	1	11	19
Storied Life of A.J. Fikry	2	43	0	2	6	53
Guncle	2	37	0	3	9	51
Yellowface	4	40	0	6	12	62
Warrior Girl Unearthed	3	12	0	5	9	29
Olga Dies Dreaming	4	17	0	0	3	24
Before I Let Go	2	13	0	2	4	21
Stealing	3	19	0	0	6	28
Total	27	223	0	23	65	338

Alternatives to 'Diverse Voices' Name

Friends & Fiction

Novels & Neighbors

The Reading Connection

Story Collectors

Fiction Connection

Community Reading Circle

Book Selections 2024

January – Cilka's Journey – Heather Morris

February – Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

March – Evil Eye by Etaf Rum

April – Hadha Baladuna: Arab American Narratives of Boundary and Belonging

May – Welcome to the Hyunam-Dong Bookshop by Hwang Bo-Reum

June – You Exist Too Much by Zaina Arafat

July – Hula Jasmin 'Iolani Hakes

August – The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters

September – A Fire So Wild by Sarah Ruiz-Grossman

October – Rebecca, Not Becky by Christine Platt and Catherine Wigginton Greene

November – Wandering Stars by Tommy Orange

NOVELS WITH NEIGHBORS



2024

