



## Minutes

### Royal Oak Human Rights Commission Meeting

**May 6, 2024, 6:30 p.m.  
City Hall, Room 122  
203 S. Troy Street  
Royal Oak, Michigan 48067**

Present:                   Rachel Andrews  
                                 Annie Urasky  
                                 Tiekeya Smith  
                                 Bob Luxon  
                                 Ashley Morel  
                                 Brett Tillander  
                                 Gerardo Aponte-Safe

Non-Voting Members   Tessa Abrutyn

Present:                   Susan Barkman

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#### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

#### **2. Roll Call**

#### **3. Approval of Agenda**

Rachel will read her speech to the group for the May 29th Naturalization ceremony.

Moved by: Brett Tillander

Seconded by: Gerardo Aponte-Safe

Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion Adopted

#### **4. Approval of Minutes**

Moved by: Bob Luxon

Seconded by: Gerardo Aponte-Safe

Motion to approve of April meeting minutes.

Motion Adopted

#### **5. Public Comment**

Lisa Neason: Eager to see the HRC start to take some actions to move the group forward.

Introductions were made for the newest member Gerardo Aponte-Safe.

#### **6. Business**

##### **6.a Date Change for August Meeting**

Cancelling August meeting

##### **Resolution Number: Motion to cancel August's meeting**

Moved by: Brett Tillander

Seconded by: Bob Luxon

Motion Adopted

##### **6.b Update on Juneteenth Event**

Lisa Neason gave an update on this year's Juneteenth event. The group has confirmed they would like to have a table banner for the Naturalization event, Juneteenth, Family Pride, and the Farmer's Market.

A Survey Subcommittee will be formed to begin work on that. So far Brett and Gerardo are interested in participating.

The group decided on also forming an Events Subcommittee.

##### **6.c Discussion of Action Steps**

Discussion on HRC putting out an article in the quarterly Insight magazine. The next issue comes out in the fall. This could be a good kick-off for the launch of the community survey. Annie will need the exact deadline date and word count to write up the article. Annie is asking the group to send her a short bio about themselves to include in the article.

Susan talked about setting the group up with an editorial calendar to plan ahead of time what information we want to put out to the public. Susan will include this in future agenda packets for members to access.

The group will do a group photo at next month's June meeting.

**7. Public Comment**

Lisa Neason: Suggests that those who do tabling events collect some data on who/how many people they speak to. And we should bring up at upcoming events that we will very soon be looking for another high school student to be a part of the HRC.

**8. Commissioner Reports**

**9. Announcements**

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

**Resolution Number: Motion to adjourn**

Moved by: Bob Luxon

Seconded by: Ashley Morel

Motion to adjourn.

Motion Adopted