



Royal Oak

Minutes

Royal Oak Human Rights Commission Meeting

July 1, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, Room 122
203 S. Troy Street
Royal Oak, Michigan 48067

Present: Rachel Andrews
 Bob Luxon
 Ashley Morel
 Brett Tillander
 Gerardo Aponte-Safe

Absent: Annie Urasky
 Tiekeya Smith

Non-Voting Members Susan Barkman
Present:

Alayna Brasch

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Bob Luxon
Seconded by: Gerardo Aponte-Safe

Motion Adopted

4. Approval of Minutes

Lisa Mason correction.

Moved by: Brett Tillander
Seconded by: Ashley Morel

Motion Adopted

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Business

6.a Discussion and Recap on Tabling

Ashley Morel: Was able to make close connections with some people she met at the tabling event(s).

Brett Tillander: There was great balance between staff support and HRC member participation. Also mentioned that people came up to the table needing help, and those at the table were able to provide help. Both events offered the group great visibility.

Rachel Andrews: At some point the bookmark should include a QR code.

*The drawing ended up competing a little with the HRC's table because the drawing activity was set up behind the group's table.

**Rachel was approached by a guy with a camera for an interview. It ended up being the City's tv vendor, but some media training in the future for this potentially happening again could be helpful.

6.b Survey Update

**Email out the survey draft to the group as well as the document including the links to survey examples from other cities.

*The intro paragraph from the Annual Report should be the intro to the survey

*Wording and tone of intro needs to be edited

*Recognition that the survey isn't the most effective way, but it is a tool that allows the group to hear from the community.

*Brett Tillander brought up the idea of field testing the survey before we make it public to the community.

*Susan Barkman is asking the group to turn in their to staff edits/questions about the survey draft by July 11

6.c Building Connections - Who do we need to build connections with?

Rachel Andrews: Contacted Royal Oak High School about sponsoring some of their events starting next school year as well as sending a list of potential students to fill the open student seat in the group.

*The group wants to start compiling their contacts to create a list by September.

6.d Annual Report Review

Final approval from the group will happen at the next September meeting.

*Add a note about the Naturalization event to the Annual Report. As well as the meetings with Judge Meinecke and Chief Moore about Operation Drive.

6.e Recruitment for a new Student Member

Royal Oak High School Admin will send us some names once the school year starts.

6.f Resource List

As of now there's a small list of resources on one side of the bookmark. The group is interested in compiling an internal list of human rights-related resources.

*Rachel Andrews offered to create and send out a shared google doc for this purpose.

7. Public Comment

None.

8. Commissioner Reports

9. Announcements

9.a Next Meeting: September 3, 2024

ICMA 2-day sessions the group is being invited.

*Next September meeting is on Tuesday the 3rd.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at (time).

Moved by: Bob Luxon

Seconded by: Gerardo Aponte-Safe

Motion Adopted