



Minutes

Royal Oak Human Rights Commission Meeting

September 3, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, Room 122
203 S. Troy Street
Royal Oak, Michigan 48067

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

Absent: Tiekeya Smith

Non-Voting Members Susan Barkman

Present: Alayna Brasch

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Bob Luxon

Seconded by: Brett Tillander

Agenda approved.

Motion Adopted

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by: Brett Tillander
Seconded by: Rachel Andrews
Motion Adopted

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Business

6.a Update on Survey

The contact/resource survey is still open for members to complete.

Rachel Andrews would like to see: "What are human rights issues that are important to you?" (Ranking responses type of question) (issues such as gender identity issues, LGBTQ issues, race, ect., mental health issues, youth issues, senior issues)

Brett Tillander would like to see: A broad survey that is intentionally broad.

The group unanimously expressed interest in doing the survey after the election (around December-January) and this will hopefully coincide with the time the city gets its new city manager.

Perhaps the survey could go out in the December Insight issue (its mailed out to every home) in addition to Survey Monkey and the school district resident access. We can also do QR codes in the parking lots, reach out to the Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce.

Annie Urasky: The City Commission could mention the survey during one of their meetings on the livestream. And we can have QR codes to the survey in local stores' bulletin boards.

Brett Tillander: Can reach out to John Weitz to get data on attendees for Arts Beats & Eats. Also offering a chance to win a gift certificate to a downtown in exchange for filling out a survey makes it more enticing.

*Staff will resend internal survey and a reminder to fill it out to commission members.

6.b Annual Report Approval

Note: Include the Naturalization event that the HRC sponsored

Note: Include Annie Urasky's involvement in ADA council meetings.

Resolution Number: Approval of content

Motion Adopted

7. Public Comment

Lisa Mason: Is going to send a link to Susan to send to the group.

8. Commissioner Reports

Robert Luxon: Upcoming Native American Powwows happening on the 14th and 15th of this month, as well as one in Detroit on the 21st.

Rachel Andrews: She is going to reach out to schools in the area to find the group's next potential HRC student member.

9. Announcements

Annie Urasky: September is Deaf Awareness Month.

9.a Next Meeting October 7, 2024

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Moved by: Rachel Andrews

Seconded by: Brett Tillander

Motion Adopted