

Human Relations Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: **Wednesday, June 17th, 2026**

Place: **City Hall, 2nd Floor Chambers 161 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson, MI 49201**

- I.** Call to Order 6 p.m.
- II.** Roll Call: Donna Brown, Amanda Hale, Miriam Brown Dorsey, James Johnson Jr., Amy Rich, Mary Brace and Anne de Irala. Also present: Doria LaPorte, Sgt. Garcia, and Arlene Robinson
- III.** Adoption of the Agenda – Motion placed by Miriam to adopt the agenda, Seconded by Anne, all approved
- IV.** Citizen Comments (3-minute limit): n/a
- V.** Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Motion to accept previous minutes by Amanda, Seconded by Mary, all approved
- VI.** Community Liaison Police Office Report - Sgt Garcia
 - a. Grant for community violence grant for elementary schools – will know in August
 - b. New hires, always looking – 52 allowed, 51 filled. (6 retirements: 3 Oct, 3 2027)
 - c. Violent crime unit roll out – begins with one sergeant and two officers
 - d. New chief – new vehicles post on FB when they come in Durango and Hybrid Explorer all black
 - e. GVI summer series: July 8th MLK Center, Aug 19th at Loomis Park 12-1:30p
 - f. Homeless – lots of complaints, not a crime to be homeless in Jack-son, police offering resources, but they refuse shelter, bus tickets, etc.
 - g. Uptick in stolen cars – recommendation to lock doors and not leave them running with keys inside.
- VII.** Committee Reports
 - Nominating Committee (Lead – James) – n/a
 - Project Development Committee (Lead – Amy) – n/a
 - Policy and Complaint Committee (Lead – Miriam) – n/a
 - Finance Report (Lead – Amy) – n/a stayed the same \$6000, update will be provided at next meeting (July) Amy will not be present, but Doria can provide that report
- VIII.** Old Business
 - a. Strategic Plan Session
 - i. Top 3 issues: DEI, Community Engagement and Outreach and Organizational Effectiveness
 - ii. SWOT summary: read aloud by James
 - iii. 2026-2027 Priority Action Plan with timeline reiterated
 - iv. Mayor's key recommendations addressed

- b. Miriam addressed candidate meeting after primary – she will look into what NAACP is doing

IX. New Business

- a. 100 Homes Project need to get started with Project Development committee
- b. Juneteenth set up and volunteers confirmed
- c. We unanimously voted to add a canopy to our SWAG items to purchase

X. City Councilmember Liaison Comments

- a. AARP group did a presentation on criminal activity with the elderly and ATMs and Crypto Currency fraud - Presentation is in the city council meeting minutes
- b. Unanimously voted to approve a lot purchase agreement to Community First, Inc. at Cooper and Biddle for a grocery store located in Ward 2 – 1 block from Ward 1
- c. 40 new homes in Ward 1 via the 100 homes project

XI. Commissioner's Comments

- a. de Irala has some professional development will further discuss

XII. City Staff Liaison Comments – n/a

XIII. Adjournment. Motion was placed by Amy to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Amanda, all approved, Chair adjourned meeting at 6:38p.m.

Submitted by Amy Rich, HRC Secretary/Treasurer