

RACIAL EQUITY COMMISSION
Meeting Agenda

DATE: 7 May 2024 (Meeting dates for 2024 will be each 2nd Tuesday at 4pm)
TIME: 4:00 p.m.
LOCATION: City Hall, 10th Floor City Council Chambers
161 W. Michigan Avenue, Jackson, MI 49201

AGENDA ITEMS:

- I. Call to Order -
- II. Roll Call – current membership is at Eleven (Full Board). Six members needed for quorum.
- III. Reading of Land & Labor Acknowledgement
- IV. Adoption of the Agenda
- V. Citizen Comments (3-Minute Limit)
- VI. Approval of the March and April 2024 Minutes
- VII. Community Liaison Police Officer Report
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - A. Board Development Committee (Barber, Hamilton, Dancy, Heydenburg)
 - B. Grants/Education Committee (Albarran, Barber, Hamilton, Inosencio, Willis)
 - C. Policy and Procedure Committee (Hammontree, Dancy, Hamilton, Willis, Jha)
 - D. Public Equity Committee (Dickenson, Hamilton, Quinn, Heydenburg)
 - E. Nominations (Hamilton, Dancy, Hammontree, Jha)
- IX. City/Community Liaison Updates
 - A. City Council
 - B. MLK/CIA
 - C. Environmental Commission
 - D. HRC
 - E. JPS
 - F. NAACP
 - G. JHC
 - H. CPOC
- X. Unfinished Business / Working Items

- A. Promotional Video
- B. Audit Update
- C. Commissioner Nomination to Council update
- D. Equity Seal Work
- E. Outreach to Council for Ward meetings
- F. Support letter for AME Church
- G. Planning for next Community Engagement event
- H. 2023 Annual Report

- XI. New Business
- XII. Review of Action Items from meeting
- XIII. Commissioner Comments
- XIV. Adjournment

Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 11 June 2024. 4pm.

RACIAL EQUITY COMMISSION
April Meeting Minutes

DATE: April 9, 2024 (Meeting dates for 2024 will be each 2nd Tuesday at 4pm)
TIME: 4:16 p.m.
LOCATION: City Hall, 10th Floor City Council Chambers
161 W. Michigan Avenue, Jackson, MI 49201

AGENDA ITEMS:

- I. **Call to Order** - Vice Chair, David Hammontree
- II. **Roll Call** – current membership is at Ten. Six members are needed for a quorum. Jacqueline Barber, David Hammontree, John Willis, Freddie Dancy, Daveda Quinn, Leticia Albarran Rodriguez, Katima Dickenson

Absent – Kesha Hamilton, Jacob Inosencio, Bikash Jha,
- III. **Reading of Land & Labor Acknowledgement** – Freddie Dancy
- IV. **Adoption of the Agenda** – Motion by, Freddie Dancy, supported by, Leticia Albarran Rodriguez, motion carried.
- V. **Citizen Comments (3-Minute Limit)** none
- VI. **Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes** – Motion by Leticia Albarran Rodriguez to approve March minutes at our meeting in May, supported by Jackie Barber, motion carried.
- VII. **Community Liaison Police Officer Report** – Lt. John Lillie, interviews were held for police trainees. Three officers are currently in their last phase of training. Two officers are recent college graduates. One will be starting police academy in August. Question for Lt. Lillie, “has crime gone up or down?” His response, they have gone down.” New officers are willing to relocate out of Jackson, due to their workload and better benefits elsewhere.
- VIII. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Board Development Committee**

- B. **Grants/Education Committee** – Leticia will be added to this committee.
- C. **Policy, Procedure, and Communications Committee** – Working on the Audit and on the groundwork for purchasing. John mentioned that there were issues due to past practices. A question was raised regarding the company that received a lawn care contract for a large \$ amount. There are certain criteria for taking on this type of contract.
- D. **Public Equity Committee** - Daveda Quinn is the chair of this committee.
- E. **Nominations** – The one interviewer nominated for the commission, (Ai Yoshida) will have to go before City Council.
- IX. **City/Community Liaison Updates**
 - A. **City Council**
 - B. **MLK/CIA**
 - C. **Environmental Commission**
 - D. **HRC**
 - E. **JPS**
 - F. **NAACP**
 - G. **JHC**
 - H. **CPOC**
- X. **Unfinished Business / Working Items**
 - A. **Audit Update** – We have a contract; some parts have been reduced.
 - B. **Equity Seal Work** -
 - C. **Outreach to Council for Ward meetings** – discussed at our last meeting. David is working with council members on this. 5th Ward has a clean-up day scheduled this month.
 - D. **Support letter for AME Church** – Letter will be going to our chair for review.
 - E. **Promotional Video (see script)** – Would like to do the video in May.
 - 1. **Securing Dates for Video participation**
 - 2. **Script Review** – we read through as a group. Work on coordinating with Aaron and possibly JTV, to take pictures across the city. It was suggested that we each scheduled a time with Aaron for a place and photos. Possibly bring Aaron in for our May 14th meeting. All will review the script and choose on the 14th of May to decide what we want to do.
 - F. **Planning for next Community Engagement event** – Work in progress.
- XI. **New Business** – 3rd Annual Reduce the Violence Summit April 22nd at the Fair Event Center. Will the REC have a table at the Juneteenth celebration, on June 15th downtown Jackson.
- XII. **Review of Action Items from meeting** -Planning and nomination committee will be meeting soon. Bringing Aaron to our meeting on the 14th. Commissioners will decide where their script will be read. A Word document of the script will be sent out to everyone.
- XIII. **Commissioner Comments**
- XIV. **Adjournment** – Motion by, John Willis, Supported by Daveda Quinn
Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2024. 4pm.