

Human Rights Commission Agenda

Thursday, April 21, 2022

6:30 pm via Zoom

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1. Call to Order:

Opening Remarks, Announcements, and Agenda Review

2. Reports and Comments

Public Comment

HRC Member Reports

3. Action and Discussion Items:

- a. HRC collaboration with Julius Ford/Harriet Tubman Healthy Living Community
- b. HRC Youth Hero Awards
- c. HRC Event Calendar
- d. HRC Complaint Update
- e. AHTF Update
- f. AHRA, DEI, and CRESS update

4. Upcoming Events:

Upcoming Heritage and Cultural Celebrations

5. Next Meeting Date: TBD

6. Other Topics:

Other topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate 48 hours in advance of the meeting

7. Adjourn

Upcoming Heritage and Cultural Awareness

April

- a. Community Service Month
- b. Earth Month
- c. Autism Awareness Month
- d. Arab-American Heritage Month
- e. Celebrate Diversity Day

May

- a. National Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
- b. Haitian Heritage Month
- c. Indian Heritage Month
- d. Jewish American Heritage Month
- e. Mental Health Month
- f. South Asian Heritage Month
- g. Personal History Awareness Month
- h. Speech and Hearing Awareness Month
- i. Older Americans Month

June

- a. National Caribbean American Month
- b. LGBT Pride Month
- c. Black Music Month
- d. Juneteenth

***Public Comment:** During the public comment period, one of the Co-Chairs will recognize members of the public. When called on, please identify yourself by stating your full name, preferred pronouns, and residential address. Residents are welcome to express their views for up to 3 minutes, at the discretion of the Co-Chairs based upon the number of people who wish to speak; no speaker can cede their time to another speaker. The AHRA will not engage in a dialogue or comment on a matter raised during Public Comment.

The Amherst Human Rights Commission invites members of the public to its meetings. We set aside time at the beginning of each meeting for the public to address us, and we appreciate the thoughts and feedback we receive from the community. Because of our obligations under the Open Meetings Law, all of the work of the Commission can only be done when we are together in our public meetings. For this reason, we cannot respond to the public comments we receive in real time, and we must limit the public comment to a defined time on our meeting agenda. We also welcome feedback via email, HumanRights@amherstma.gov.