

Human Rights Commission Agenda

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

6:30 pm via Zoom

<https://amherstma.zoom.us/j/85168015819>

Or join by phone: 408-638-0968 or 564-217-2000

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Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted via remote means. Members of the public who wish to access the meeting may do so via Zoom or by telephone, see instructions below. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means

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. APD Police Facebook Video/Town Council Meeting 8/15/22 Update
- b. Ways HRC can support community
- c. AHTF, AHRA, DEI, CSSJC, ROB, and CRESS update
- d. Membership Quorum
- e. Retreat

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

***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 HRC 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 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.

Upcoming Heritage and Cultural Awareness

August:

National Civility Month

August 23: International Day for Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

August 26: Women's Equality Day

September:

September 15: International Day of Peace

September 15-October 15: Hispanic Heritage Month

October:

Bullying Prevention Month

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

AIDS Awareness Month

Down Syndrome Awareness Month

Family History Month

Filipino American Heritage Month

Italian American Heritage Month

LGBT History Month

National Disability Employment Awareness Month

National Work and Family Month

October 2: International Day of Non-Violence

October 20: Spirit Day Anti Bullying

October 22: International Stuttering Awareness Day