



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 27, 2025 - 7:30 p.m. - Via Cisco WebEx

The meeting focused on finalizing subcommittee descriptions, enhancing community engagement, and planning events while emphasizing inclusivity and collaboration among the various groups. The commissioners discussed the importance of different perspectives gained from international experiences. The city plans to take a greater role in organizing events like Pride and MLK Day.

Administrative

The commission will finalize subcommittee descriptions during this meeting. Recording of meetings will not be published, following previous decisions made by the commission. Upcoming elections for chair and vice chair positions will occur in the September meeting. The commission will finalize descriptions for each subcommittee to enhance community understanding and engagement.

Pride 2026

The Pride Subcommittee plans the annual LGBTQ+ pride event, emphasizing community involvement and inclusivity. Pride is on a Sunday, June 7, 2-5p. Chair and Co-chair were identified. The Pride Subcommittee will hold its initial planning meeting on September 3, at 12p.

MLK Subcommittee

The MLK Subcommittee will collaborate with JEDI and Special Events for the MLK Celebration on Monday, January 19, at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Time TBD. JEDI Director will lead the planning and programming. HRC Staff Liaison will work with Special Events to coordinate the roles and responsibilities of the HRC.

Disability Justice Subcommittee

The Disability Justice Subcommittee, emphasizing intersectionality and policy recommendations will also focus on investigating disability rights concerns in Rockville, pursuant to its authority as outlined in the Rockville, MD, Code of Ordinances, Chapter 11 – Human Rights, Articles I – III and the City of Rockville Policies and Procedures for Citizen, Boards, Commissions, Committee and Task Forces, Nov. 1, 2021.

Public Policy Subcommittee

The public policy subcommittee addresses proactive measures for marginalized communities and communication with the mayor and council.

Student Ambassador Subcommittee

The Student Ambassador Subcommittee selects high school students to engage with the Human Rights Commission.

END OF MINUTES