

Human Rights Commission Meeting, May 28, 2025

Participants

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| 1. Anne Day Leong | 7. Jeanne Booth – JEDI Director |
| 2. David Hegstad | 8. Florence Jewell |
| 3. Delores Scott, Staff Liaison | 9. Rachel Blomquist |
| 4. Dominic Russoli | 10. Sarabjeet Saluja Bhutani |
| 5. Gabrielle Zwi | 11. Sirrah J |
| 6. Jake Goodman | 12. Zachary Huebschman |

Minutes

- The meeting focused on planning for the upcoming Pride event, restructuring subcommittees, and enhancing accessibility and engagement in Rockville.
- Jean Booth introduced herself as the new director of the Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion office.
- The commission approved the minutes and agenda for the meeting.
- The student ambassadors will present resources at Rockville Pride instead of their original event.
- The commission discussed restructuring subcommittees to improve efficiency and engagement.
- The commission voted to dissolve the Gender Affirming Care Task Force, the Current Affairs subcommittee, and the Human Rights Cities subcommittee.
- The commission voted to form the Public Policy subcommittee to include the former topics and duties of the three aforementioned subcommittees.
- The commission voted to form the Disability Justice subcommittee which aims to address accessibility issues and advocate for employment rights.
- The subcommittees of the Human Rights Commission are as follows: Martin Luther King, Jr. subcommittee, Pride subcommittee, Student Ambassador Program

subcommittee, Public Policy subcommittee, and the Disability Justice subcommittee.

- The monthly Steering meeting (currently Co-chairs, Vice Chair) will be open to all Commissioners going forward.
- The Pride event is scheduled for this weekend; volunteers are encouraged to help with setup and activities.
- Parking costs at Town Square have become a concern for volunteers and attendees.
- Public transit and ridesharing should be encouraged for event access.
- The Pride event will have American Sign Language interpreters again this year.
- Collaboration with other city and county commissions is a priority moving forward.
- The annual report process will involve input from all subcommittees before finalization.
- Participants express a desire to connect personally and improve engagement during meetings.
- One member explains their camera usage due to personal circumstances, emphasizing their presence in discussions.

Action Items

- Gabrielle will contact the Rockville volunteer coordinator to ensure the pride event is listed for volunteers.
- Rachel will send an email to Delores and Gabrielle regarding parking information for the pride event.
- Jake will send a follow-up email to the city council regarding the ADA anniversary event planning.
- Delores will arrange for someone to pick up the pride decorations from city hall if they arrive after hours.
- Gabrielle will check in with legislators who expressed interest in attending the pride event.
- Jake will provide a brief description of the Disability Justice subcommittee's goals to the commission.

- Jake will create a 'when to meet' widget for scheduling the next meeting of the Disability Justice subcommittee.
- Zachary and Rebecca will finalize the annual report document by Friday at 5 PM and send it back to the city for approval.
- Gabrielle will remind attendees to turn on their cameras at the beginning of the next meeting.
- Gabrielle will set up a doodle poll for scheduling the public policy subcommittee meetings.

Meeting Adjourned