



City of Huber Heights
Culture and Diversity Citizen Action Commission
City Hall- Council Chambers
6131 Taylorville Road
Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2025
6:00 P.M.

1. Call meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mrs. Newby Al-Nasir, Mr. Ibragim Chakhalidze, Ms. Chirsty Trotter, Arrick Richardson, Mrs. Mia Honaker, Mr. Corey Owens

Absent: Mrs. Yolanda Stephens, Mr. Bayram Gulaliev

Note: Let the record reflect that these absences were excused.

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting were unavailable; motion approved to postpone approval until the next meeting.

A. Citizens Comments: No comments.

4. Old Business

A. No officer reports at this time.

B. Juneteenth Planning Update: All entertainment, food trucks, and retail vendors for the Juneteenth event have been confirmed, with food truck setup scheduled from 1:30 to 3:00 PM and retail vendor setup from 2:00 to 3:00 PM. The commission discussed relocating tents to improve sound quality and addressed logistics for the bookmobile's generator and placement. Event maps were distributed, with Sarah and her team coordinating vendor placement. Members were encouraged to distribute flyers and personally promote the event. A media appearance is scheduled for June 10 at 10:00 AM. Vendor communications were clarified, especially regarding lemonade and Italian ice vendors. The news release was reviewed, with confirmed sponsors including the City of Huber Heights, Least Famous Recipe, and CareSource, and the Chamber providing alcoholic beverages. Educational elements will include QR codes linking to trivia and historical content, panels from the Dayton Metro Library on local emancipation celebrations, and a QR-coded satisfaction survey. Volunteers are needed for printing, laminating, and distributing signage, and an incentive system using raffle tickets was discussed. A double-sided flyer will promote both the Juneteenth celebration and the upcoming Multicultural Festival. Final setup logistics covered tent layouts, easels, and educational



boards. Commission members signed up for volunteer shifts, Citizens on Patrol will assist with parking, and city staff will provide water, coordinate games, and assist with cleanup.

- C. Multicultural Festival: The Multicultural Festival Task Group reported that planning is currently underway, with Mr. Gulaliev serving as the task leader, though he is out of the country until the end of June. Vendor outreach efforts are being supported through contacts from the Springfield Multicultural Festival, and Sarah Williams is assisting with the creation of flyers and the setup of registration. Vendor registration is now open, and food trucks will be invoiced after approval to help ensure a diverse cultural food selection. The group also discussed the possibility of waving booth fees for cultural organizations to encourage participation. Work on the official event flyer and performance lineup is ongoing.

5. New Business:

- A. 4th of July Parade Participation: The Commission held a discussion on increasing its visibility within the community and identified participation in the upcoming 4th of July Parade as a valuable opportunity. A motion was passed to officially participate in the parade on Saturday, June 28. Members agreed to coordinate logistics, including securing a vehicle or organizing a walking group, creating a banner for display, and preparing handouts that promote the Commission's mission along with upcoming events such as the Multicultural Festival.
- B. During the meeting, the Commission discussed updated demographic data from recent census reports, which highlighted the growing diversity within the Huber Heights community. Members expressed a strong interest in building relationships with underrepresented populations, including Native American communities such as the Miami Valley Indigenous group as well as Latinx, Asian, Turkish, and Filipino residents. There was also consensus around the importance of intentionally engaging the LGBTQIA+ community, people with disabilities, and older adults. To ensure these communities are heard and included, the Commission proposed developing a strategic outreach plan focused on grassroots engagement and inclusivity. One approach discussed was inviting community leaders to attend monthly Commission meetings to share their perspectives and help identify specific needs. This strategy is intended to create more meaningful connections with diverse populations and better align the Commission's efforts with the lived experiences of Huber Heights residents.



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6. Next Meeting August 7, 2025

7. Adjournment: 8:00 P.M.

Corey Owens, Chair

Date

Jeffrey Adams Jr, Staff Liaison

Date