

Call To Order: 7:36

Attendance of Commission Members & Liasons

✓	1. Joel Branch (Council Liaison)	✓	2. Joanne Cruz (Member)	✓	3. Khalila Cruz (Member)
	4. Shannan Foat-Gelber (Member)		5. Rebecca Greenbaum (Member)	✓	6. Laura Hermans (Member)
	7. Jacqueline Ho (Member)	✓	8. Dylan Jaques (HS Junior Liaison)	✓	9. Hazel-Anne Johnson-Marcus (Chair & BOE Liaison)
	10. Abdullah Khan (Member)	✓	11. Amanda Lin (Member)	✓	12. Andrea Orlando (Member)
✓	13. Edward Porowski (School District Liaison)	✓	14. Audra Sbarra (Accessibility Commission Liaison)		15. Michelle Tang (HS Senior Liaison)
	16. Nadia Tariq (Secretary)	✓	17. Bobbie Theivakumaran (MDA Liaison)	✓	18. Edmund Zelley (MEAICA Liaison)

Welcome to any members of the public/public comment: Hazel-Anne M. Johnson-Marcus

Review & Approval of March minutes: Laura Hermans

Postponed until May's meeting as the meeting location was moved to Zoom too late for public notice.

Old Business:

- [Williams Scholarship](#)

- Subcommittee members needed (Hazel-Anne, Nadia & Laura, Rebecca, **1 more member needed**). Email address created for the scholarship submissions: WilliamsScholarshipMHRC@gmail.com. The scholarship has been shared with MHS students and the scholarship amount will be \$2,000.00.

- Metuchen HRC Event Subcommittee Process Discussion

- Copy Hazel-Anne, Nadia and Laura on subcommittee e-mail discussions.
- AAPI Heritage month: Social media posts will focus on AAPI history in Metuchen's school district curriculum and sharing resources. Mr. Cohen is a good point person for information. Amanda will lead this effort with support from Hazel-Anne

- **Save the Date: A Conversation Across the Spectrum, Monday, April 25 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.**

- All MHRC Members are encouraged to attend, please register via <https://bit.ly/3E0hFAh>.

New Business

- Liaison Reports

- *Audra Sbarra (Accessibility Committee Liaison):*

- Upcoming community conversation Wednesday, April 13 7p-7:30p "Livable Communities". Featuring a representative from AARP New Brunswick. MHRC will re-share the Accessibility Committee's flyer on social media channels.

- *Hazel-Anne Johnson-Marcus (Board of Education Liaison)*
 - Focusing on community education about the proposed referendum, which would include full day Kindergarten as presented by Dr. Costanza & Mr. Cohen at the March 8 Board Meeting. More presentations to come from the Board of Education. The Metuchen School District website is updated with details on the referendum.
 - Dr. Herzog, Director of Special Services, presented the annual review of the District's Mental Health Initiative, also on March 8.
 - Upcoming High School Musical "Working" will be on April 7, 8 and 9 and feature our senior liaison, Michelle Tang who performed a preview at the March 22 meeting. Over 100 student-athletes were honored for the winter season championships in track, swim, and wrestling.
- *Edward Porowski (School District Liaison):*
 - Metuchen High School continues to address the inclusivity needs of its students and community. Issues being addressed include sensitivity training regarding gender, race and ethnicity. The school is working towards forming a peer committee to address these issues and eliminate hateful speech, casual violence and microaggressions. Gender inclusive bathrooms are also being evaluated to ensure safety in terms of monitoring and utilization.
- *Joel Branch (Borough Council Liaison):*
 - Lieutenant Arthur Flaherty will replace Chief Dave Irizarry as the Metuchen Chief of Police in his retirement.
 - Accepted second reading for redevelopment plan for the Gulton Tract.
- *Edmund Zelley (MEAICA Liaison):*
 - Wednesday, April 27 at 7:00pm at the JCC (1775 Oak Tree Rd, Edison, NJ)- Annual Yom HaShoaH - Holocaust remembrance program. This year's theme is: "Whoever Saves a Single Life ... Rescuers of Jews and Other Persecuted Persons During the Holocaust". In person or Streaming live from the JCC Facebook page and the MEAICA Facebook page.
 - MEAICA recently held a rally for Ukraine and peace in other parts of the world.
- *Bobbie Theivakumaran (MDA Liaison):*
 - Juneteenth Event: June 18, 6p-8p. Drum line, Majorette and Step Dancing Troop with an Afrofuturism theme.
 - "White Man Walks Into A Barber Shop": Film by a filmmaker from Highland Park - follows a man as he travels to different barber shops, his experiences and conversations teach him about culture and race. MDA is looking for a space for a free public screening. Fr. Zelley recommended reaching out to St. Luke's for use of their space: Secretary@stlukesmetuchen.org.

2022 Meeting Dates:

May 3 | June 7 | July 5 | Aug. 2 | Sept. 6 | Oct. 4 | Nov. 1 | Dec. 6

Adjourned: 8:23pm