



# MINUTES

## REGULAR JUNETEENTH COMMISSION

OAK PARK, MICHIGAN  
JANUARY 14, 2026  
6:00 PM

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**-The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.
2. **ROLL CALL**
  - A. **MEMBERS:**
    - Stephanie Crawford - Council Member (Present)
    - Lonnie Tabb-Upshaw  
(Excused)
    - Carla Wallace (Resigned)
    - Glenda Stainback  
(Present)
    - Rita Lockridge  
(Present)
    - Kevin Keysiii, III  
(Present)
    - Cheryl Daniel  
(Present)
    - Alicia Edwards  
(Present)
    - Adam Owczarzak - Deputy City Manager (Present)
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**-There was a proper motion and vote to approve the agenda as presented.
4. **SELECTION OF OFFICERS**-There was one nomination per position. There was a proper motion and approval to elect an unopposed candidate slate for each position.
  - A. Chairperson-Kevin Keysii, III
  - B. Vice-chairperson-Rita Lockridge
  - C. Secretary-Alicia Edwards
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. 2025 Juneteenth Recap
    - Returning commission members offered the following feedback:
      - The 2025 budget was exceeded to cover holiday pay for staff at the school. There are no leftover funds from last year.
      - The length of program time may have caused folks to become disengaged. A shorter time frame will be considered this year.
      - The order of the program may need to be shifted, and program participants should be informed of the run of show and stick to it.
      - The scholarship award is under consideration for renaming and a shift in award recipients (up to 15)
      - The fashion show was slightly disjointed from the overall program.

- The mobile museum price did not align with what was delivered.
- The food vendor had a shortage of items, and some folks did not eat.
- Returning members asked for clarification on two line items (poet and soloist) from last year's budget.
- This year's budget will start with \$5,000.
- G. Steinback is willing to lead fundraising and proposed a program/souvenir booklet with purchased advertising.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Juneteenth ByLaws Review and Adoption-Amendments to the Bylaws were discussed as follows: Update Royal Oak to reflect Oak Park.
- Members sought clarification regarding the appointment term-it is three years, not one year.
  - Members sought clarification regarding volunteer appointments for subcommittees. Residency is not required and folks should be introduced to the Commission.
- B. Board and Commission Training Recap-All members present completed the Board and Commission Training. Candidates who previously submitted applications will be considered to fill the vacancy left by Carla Wallace.
- C. Appointment of Sub Committee Chair & Members-There was a proper motion and approval to move this item to the next meeting.
- D. Discuss Venue Options-Oak Park High School is optimal. The Event Hub may not be landscaped in time for the event.

- 7. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**-R. Lockridge would like to see more connection to Juneteenth throughout the program. G. Stainback suggested either content or a scholarship in honor of Viola Fletcher (mother of Juneteenth). There was a suggestion to use canvas art by students to create a walking museum in the school.

- 8. ADJOURNMENT**-The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 PM

