



# **AGENDA**

## **REGULAR JUNETEENTH COMMISSION MEETING**

**OAK PARK, MICHIGAN**  
**FEBRUARY 11, 2026**  
**6:00 PM**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**A. MEMBERS:**

Stephanie Crawford - Council Member  
Kevin Keys - Chair  
Rita Lockridge - Co-Chair  
Alicia Edwards - Secretary  
Lonnie Tabb - Upshaw  
Glenda Stainback  
Cheryl Daniel  
Vacant  
Adam Owczarzak - Deputy City Manager

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Approval of 01-14-26 Meeting Minutes

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Appointment of Sub Committee Chair & Members

B. Discuss Venue Options

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Fundraiser Flyer

B. Create Action Items/Planning Timeline

C. New Member Update

**7. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**



# 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



The City of Oak Park Presents our 2026:

# Juneteenth Celebration

Friday,  
June 19, 2026

Oak Park High School  
13701 Oak Park Blvd.

## Event

## Details:

The City of Oak Park will host its fifth annual Juneteenth Celebration on Friday, June 19, 2026, at Oak Park High School. This year's activities will include a one-mile walk, music, art, dance and a purposely curated program that will honor and recognize local students, elected officials and performers.

## Sponsorship Opportunities:

The City of Oak Park's Juneteenth Celebration has proven to be one of the community's greatest events. This is only made possible through the support of you--our friends, families and leaders. Please consider a sponsorship opportunity to continue to support this event.

### Platinum \$1000+:

Acknowledgment on the Juneteenth webpage, a minimum of 4 dedicated social posts, inclusion in the official program and social media event page as well as a special feature video interview.

### Gold \$500:

Acknowledgement on the Juneteenth webpage, social media event page, official program and a minimum of 2 dedicated social posts.

### Green \$250:

Acknowledgement on the social media event page and official program.

### Red \$100:

Acknowledgement on the social media event page.

Checks can be made payable to the City of Oak Park (Juneteenth 2026 in the memo line) and delivered to Oak Park City Hall.

All donations are tax deductible.