



MEETING AGENDA

AFRICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

January 8, 2026 | 411 W 1st Street, Room 430 (4th Floor), City Hall | 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Brief welcome and check-in.

2. Approval of November Meeting Minutes

3. Public Comment

Public comment period for items not on the agenda.

4. Governance and Capacity Building

A. Bylaws Review and Revision

Continue discussion on updates, priorities, and sections requiring clarification.

B. Agenda-Setting Process

Review the shared “living document” and confirm procedures for adding items two weeks before meetings.

C. City Policies and Commission Autonomy

Request updates on written policies regarding staff attendance requirements, AI/note-taking tools, and meeting cancellations.

5. Introduction to Robert’s Rules of Order

Commissioner Bell will share a Robert’s Rules cheat sheet.

Brief review and questions for clarification.

6. Capacity-Building and Training

A. Unity Fund Grant Proposal

Update on the draft proposal for consultant-led training and fiscal sponsorship through Family Freedom Center.

B. Nexus Community Partners Program

Follow-up discussion on training content and participation with other commissions.



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7. Upcoming Events and Key Community Dates

Discussion on upcoming holidays and events relevant to the Black community, including:

- MLK Day - January 19, 2026
- Black History Month - February 2026
- Malcolm X Day - May 15, 2026 (Minneapolis - 5/19/26)
- Juneteenth - June 19, 2026

Determine the commission's role, expectations, event requests, and alignment with the commission's purpose.

8. Communication and Accessibility

- Meeting logistics for winter months
- Transportation and access support
- Clarification on appropriate use of email, group text, and liaison communication

9. New Business

- Commissioner announcements
- Requests for future agenda items

10. Adjournment