

**Human Rights Commission  
City of Northampton  
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**Meeting Notice: Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2020, 5:30 – 7:00 PM  
Council Chambers, Puchalski Municipal Building**

**Agenda**

- 5:30 PM Public Comment
- 5:35 PM Accept October minutes, taken by Booker and Jan 1 minutes taken by Karen
- 5:40 PM Panhandling report: discuss and give feedback regarding Karen’s write up of our Jan. 1 discussion on report before handing on to the Mayor
- 6:00 PM HRC future membership, leadership, recruitment brainstorm.  
To be considered: expectations for the role of Chair and Vice Chair of the HRC; is another leadership model possible? Perhaps a rotating chair? Shared leadership? Brainstorm recruiting new members, making personal asks? How might we each be willing/able to exercise leadership in the coming months. Commissioners reminded to encourage applicants to the Commission for its three open seats.
- 6:20 PM Priorities discussion
- 6:40 PM Non-citizen driver’s license campaign update from PVWC
- 6:50 PM Guest columns: will someone write about panhandling?
- 6:55 PM New Biz
- 6:55 PM New business
- 7:00 PM Adjourn

*The NHRC invites members of the public to its meetings. We set aside time at the beginning of each meeting for the public to address us, and we appreciate the thoughts and feedback we receive from the community. Because of our obligations under the Open Meetings Law, all of the work of the Commission can only be done when we are together in our public meetings. For this reason, we cannot respond to the public comments we receive in real time, and we must limit the public comment to a defined time on our meeting agenda. We also welcome feedback via email at [HRC@northamptonma.gov](mailto:HRC@northamptonma.gov)*

***The Human Rights Commission shall act to promote human rights in the city of Northampton. The Commission shall advocate and be an information resource for the rights guaranteed by law on the basis of race or color, gender, physical or mental ability, religion, socioeconomic status, ethnic or national origin, sexual identification or orientation or age for all persons in Northampton.***



***The Mayor or City Council may refer issues pertaining to human rights to the commission for review and recommendation. The commission may organize programs and events to educate about human rights.***

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