

## SPECIAL MEETING

### Minutes

## HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

October 19, 2016

**Call to Order:** Chairperson Washington called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Present:** Kevin Washington, Chairperson, Richard Knickerbocker, Vice Chairperson, Pamela Lofton-McGeorge, Secretary, Joyce Armstrong, Len Swade, Patricia Mack, Violet Nahabedian and Diane McDougald, Liaison

**Absent:** Max Kuziak (excused) and Bernice Johnson (unexcused)

### **Items:**

#### **1) Bridge Builder:**

- a.) Guests: Stacy Samson and Hayden Pratt attended the meeting to make a nomination for Bridge Builders Award. Hayden is a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Trinity Christian School in Windsor. He nominated Bart's Restaurant, because he likes the people that work there and feel that they do a lot of community service. In addition, he has participated in Bart's Special Olympics event where they raised six thousand dollars. Hayden has attended two Bridge Builders Award ceremonies in the past.
- b.) Deadline to submit application is October 31, 2016.
- c.) Chairperson Washington has requested that each commissioner bring forth one (1) nominee for Bridge Builders Award.
- d.) Commissioners Nahabedian and Richard Armstrong (past commissioner) will be available to work the door.
- e.) Press Release: A statement will be added at the bottom of the flyer noting that Food donations will be accepted and will be distributed to Windsor Food Bank.
- f.) Commissioner Knickerbocker received a quote from Dom's Eatery to cater the Bridge Builders Award ceremony. The total cost is \$1177.40 for 75 people. Commissioner Knickerbocker will go back to Dom's to obtain another quote based on the revisions made by the Commissioners. Some items will be purchased by the Commission and other items catered by Dom's and headcount reduced to 50 people.

- g.) Nominating committee will be consisted of Commissioners, Washington, Armstrong, Nahabedian and Mack.
- h.) Bridge Builder Applications will be distributed at Libraries, Senior Center, Dom's Eatery, Board of Education, LP Wilson, Town of Windsor website, Police Department.
- i.) Suggested donations to attend the Bridge Builder Award Ceremony will be \$10.

**2) International Peace Festival:**

- a.) New name for this event is called: Windsor Peace Festival/Earth Day
- b.) WHS has been confirmed. Will need to wait until November 1<sup>st</sup> to reserve room for Spring event.
- c.) Chairperson Washington suggested that the HRC considers having a global theme instead of current fragmented themes for each event. The theme will be "Year of the Woman" theme throughout for all events and includes Earth Day. The theme will showcase women – Phonemical Women in all events.
- d.) Fitness and Nutrition event will remain the same with an addition of having an Education booth on planting, which people can select and pot their own plants. Commissioner Knickerbocker will contact someone to provide this service at the event.
- e.) Fundraiser will be held at Dom's Restaurant with tentative date of April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The following items will be discussed in more detailed at the next meeting. Here's brief discussion notes:

**3) Black History Month**

- a.) Need ideas from Commissioners for this event to be held in February.
- b.) HRC will obtain a Multicultural Calendar to stay abreast on upcoming events for all multicultural groups.

**4) Student Representative**

- a.) Commissioner Swade will email the student representative again to obtain his interest in attending a meeting.

**5) Nightmare on Broad Street**

- a.) Will be held on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-7:30 p.m. HRC will have a table on Town Green.

**6) Senior Forum**

- a.) Table discussion for next meeting

7) **Police/Community Forum**

a.) Need date for Police Community Forum. Chairperson Washington will contact Windsor Police Chief Mendelson to discuss further.

8) **Cuba**

a.) Table discussion to postpone trip to later in 2017.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2016. Due to meeting being so close to Bridge Builder Awards ceremony, meeting will be changed to November 16, 2016.

**Adjournment**

Chairperson Washington adjourned meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Knickerbocker made a motion to adjourn meeting. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Swade. Vote: 7-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

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HRC Secretary