

Windsor Human Relations Commission – Special Meeting  
December 19, 2017  
Ludlow Room

1. Call to Order: 7:25PM
2. Roll Call: Tracey Green, Patricia Mack, Jeremy Lawson, Judge Kevin Washington, Joyce Armstrong, Student Representative Kyle Green, Town Liaison Diane McDougald  
  
Excused: Pamela McGeorge, Max Kuziak, Leonard Swade
3. Public Communications: None
4. Approval of Minutes of November 8, 2017: Motion made by Patricia Mack to approve minutes as amended, seconded by Jeremy Lawson.  
VOTE: 5 – 0 – 0 Motion passed.
5. New Business:
  - a. Sage Park Middle School: No one attended the International Pot Luck at the school
  - b. Human Trafficking program at Loomis Chaffee: Pat and Kevin attended, representing the Human Relations Commission. Excellent presentation that was put together by 2 female students at Loomis. They had visited South Africa and learned about this topic there. This experience inspired them to research human trafficking in CT. They found that it does exist in CT and no one has ever been arrested for it here. The most common locations for trafficking in CT are nail salons. The students have created a video to raise awareness. The HRC is planning a screening and discussion at First Church on either 1/21 or 1/28/18. The HRCs from Bloomfield, West Hartford and Wethersfield have been invited and expressed interest in attending. Our HRC will purchase light refreshments for the event. The high school has also been approached on using this documentary and details will be worked out.
6. Commissioners' Round Table: Student Report: Kyle Green had nothing to report from the high school. No other information was presented.
7. Liaison Report:
  - a. Archer Memorial will hold a Martin Luther King Celebration on January 15, 2018 from 2:00 to 3:30PM. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Shelby Best.
  - b. Budget Report: Diane reported that we have \$1,155 in the Windsor High School Scholarship Fund. Expense for Bridge Builders' plaques was \$250. We collected \$770 at the door and an additional \$188 must be paid for the event expenses. That money will come out of our budget which is \$3,000 from the town for this State Fiscal Year. We have a total of \$3,480 in our budget which will be reduced to \$3292 once the \$188 is paid. This money must be spent by June 30, 2018.
8. Old Business:

- a. Bridge Builders Recap: Event was very successful. For the future, Bridge Builders applications should have email addresses added for both nominators and nominees. Recipients should review their biographies for accuracy before Commission uses them.
- b. African American History Celebration: A planning meeting was held by the committee. A schedule of events will be sent out by the town liaison.
- c. Windsor Community Day Events: Kevin proposed that event be moved from April to May because the weather is likely to be better. Motion was made by Jeremy to move the event to May, seconded by Tracy  
VOTE: 5 – 0 – 0 Motion passed.
- d. Native American Indigenous People Month: Representatives of the HRC visited and toured the Native American Museum. It was a very informative tour and it is recommended that commission members take a field trip there in 2018. The commission will hold future discussion on how to recognize this month.
- e. Muslim Forum: Tabled
- f. By-laws: Tabled
- g. Youth Transition for Teens with Disability Forum: Joyce Armstrong has had contact with Russel Sills and they are interested in the forum. A date will be arranged for early Spring.

9. Items from Commissioners:

- a. Kevin reported that the commission's tree of life died. A new tree will be planted in its place in the Spring. The plaque placed on it will have the names of current HRC members.
- b. Kevin suggested that the events that HRC is putting on be called an Educational Series. The HRC has plans to put on one event per quarter this year: Human Trafficking, Youth Forum and Muslim Forum.
- c. Kevin suggested that we will want to recognize Windsor's LGBT community. They are a significant part of Windsor's population.
- d. Joyce brought up the party that's being held on January 6, 2018 for people from Puerto Rico who have resettled here due to hurricane aftermath. There was no further clarification from the group regarding what kind of help they would need with food for this event. Pat volunteered to contact them for an answer. The HRC can't give funds or buy food for this event from its budget so it will be up to individual members of the commission if they would like to donate.

10. Adjournment: Jeremy made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Tracy.

VOTE: 5 – 0 – 0 Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM.