

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION (HRC)

MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2018

Agenda

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Washington at 7:21 p.m.
2. **Roll Call: Present:** Kevin Washington, Chairman; Patricia Mack, Vice Chair; Pamela Lofton-McGeorge, Secretary; Joyce Armstrong; Jeremy Lawson; Len Swade, Tracy Green; Desiree Primus; Diane McDougald, Liaison
Absent: Xavier McGeorge, Student Rep. (excused)
3. **Public Communications:** None
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Meeting minutes for March 14, 2018.
Motion: Commissioner Kuziak made a motion to accept Meeting minutes for March 14, 2018 with noted changes to be made: Will not participate in Shad Derby and section F – omit last sentence. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Armstrong. Vote: 9-0-0. Motion Passes.
5. **New Business:**
 - a) Madina Academy Invitation: Tour on Friday, May 11th at 8am. All commissioners are encouraged to attend.
 - b) LGBTQI: Chairman Washington plans to contact WHS Gay Alliance in regards to attending the Movie night event.
 - c) Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA): Tabled
 - d) Upcoming Year: Community Dinner on the Green: HRC will host a community dinner in late Summer or early Fall. Idea include a “white” attire theme with a live music and fun event. Need to get information about securing a Liquor Permit to allow wine, etc. to be served on the Town Green.
 - e) Commissioner Swade mentioned that HRC should get an Affirmative Action report from Human Resources every year and have not been getting them. He suggested that HRC reach out to Terrell Hill, Human Resources.
 - f) Commissioner Primus suggested that the HRC sponsor a symposium focused on Elder Abuse and perhaps partner with the the Senior Center and/or the Commission on Aging.

6. Reports:

a.) Liaison Report: Liaison McDougald announced that the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast will be held on June 10th from 10am – 11:30am at McNeely's. Anyone interested should call (860) 285-1898 by June 1st to RSVP.

b.) Student Representative Report: None

7. Old Business:

Chairman Washington requested to add "Ted Talk, Irish History, LGBTQI and Muslim "events to the agenda.

Motion: *Commissioner Swade made a motion to add the Ted Talk, LGBTQI, Irish History and Muslim "events to the agenda. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Lawson. Vote: 9-0-0. Motion Passes.*

a) Windsor Human Relations Student Forum Recap: Was held on March 29th at WHS at 6pm. Chair Washington attended the event and thanked Liaison McDougald and Commissioners Green, Armstrong, Primus and Lofton-McGeorge for attending, too. Several local schools such as Medina Academy, Bloomfield, CREC, Suffield, Suffield and including WHS attended the event. All panelist invited attended (no Republican state representatives attended). The students participated in asking questions and was really engaged in what the speakers were discussing. Chairman also thanked Commissioner Primus for the creation of the flyer.

b) Windsor Human Relations Scholarship: Chairman Washington indicated that it was too late to be included in the scholarship program. However, Chairman Washington contacted Lori Foote-Mitchell, Counseling Director, and she indicated that HRC can provide the scholarship application by May 26th. Then HRC has agreed to award both last year and this year's scholarship budgeted funds totaling \$1000 to two students.

c) One Book One Windsor: Liaison McDougald indicated that Marsha Hinkley suggested the book titled "Born a Crime" by Trevor Noah, which is a true story. The HRC agreed to just have an adult book and chose the "White House" by Amy Bloom who is a local author. The HRC is interested in inviting author Amy Bloom to the book discussion. There will not be a children book discussion. Chairman Washington will contact the Library to reserve the copies of the books. The book should be read over the summer and HRC will hold a book discussion in the Fall.

Motion: *Commissioner Lawson made a motion to select the book "White House" as the 1 Book 1 Windsor book for adults to participate. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Mack. Vote: 9-0-0. Motion Passes.*

- d) **Irish History Month:** Irish History Month Movie “Brooklyn” was held on March 16th at 6pm at Windsor Town Hall. It was a great movie and there was a discussion with the audience after the movie, which was very engaging.
- g) **LGBTQI Month:** The LGBTQI Month is in June. It was suggested that the HRC sponsor a Movie night possibly on June 8th. Chairman Washington will select the movie either “Call me by my Name” or “Call me Simone.” Commissioners will work together to coordinate snacks and flyers and set-up of the event.
- h) **Muslim Forum:** The Muslim Forum was to be held on March 29th. Since the event did not happen, HRC will plan to have it in October 2018. Liaison McDougald will coordinate and finalize the event details.
- i) **Windsor Ted Talk:** Commissioner Kuziak stated that Grace Church is interested in getting involved and would like to partner and collaborate with HRC. HRC has selected a preliminary date to hold the event in Feb 2019. Chairman Washington is working to pull the event together such as producing it and will reach out to WHS production to assist.

8. Commissioners Round Table:

- Liaison McDougald presented HRC with 2017/2018 Budget Report as of May 9, 2018. Please refer to attached budget report. HRC agreed to purchase several items, such as HRC fleece jackets, HRC banner, Field trips United Nations, candy & treats for events, receipt book, lockbox rental, and tent.
 - Treasurer Report: Commissioner Green has asked to resign as Treasurer for 2017/2018 Treasurer due to inability to reconcile budget at this time. However, Commissioner Green will start as Treasurer in 2018/2019 fiscal year.
Motion: Commissioner Mack made a motion indicating that Commissioner Green has resigned as Treasurer for 2017/2018 and will start Treasurer duties in 2018/2019. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Armstrong. Vote: 9-0-0. Motion Passes.
- Chair Washington: Need to select officers for next fiscal Year. There were no new nominations for officers. Current officers have agreed to continue into next fiscal year.
Motion: Commissioner Kuziak made a motion that the current slate of officers will remain for 2018/2019 fiscal year. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Lawson. Vote: 9-0-0. Motion Passes.

In addition, Chairman Washington mentioned that the First church will be taking donations at the Shad Derby on May 19th to include items such as socks and clothing.

- Commissioner Mack indicated Kathleen Tracy is running for State Representative Storm's seat. She is a retired teacher.
- Commissioner Armstrong: Announced that on June 24th she and her husband Dick (past HRC member) will be celebrating their 50th anniversary.
- Commissioner Lawson mentioned the Trump signed the Faith base initiative.

9) **Adjournment:** Chair Washington adjourned meeting at 8:59 pm.

***Motion:** Commissioner Green made a motion to adjourn meeting. 2nd by Commissioner Lawson.*

Vote: 9-0-0. Motion Passes

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Lofton-McGeorge

HRC Secretary