

## **Town of Windsor Human Relations Commission**

**August 12, 2020**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Time: 6:30 PM**

**Zoom Virtual Meeting**

- Present were Chairperson Commissioner Judge Kevin Washington, Assistant Chairperson Patricia Mack, Secretary Commissioner Desiree Primus and Commissioners: Max Kuziak, Joyce Armstrong and Liaison Jim Burke. Ann McAdams had an Excused Absence and Leonard Swade, Kereme Murell and Byron Bobb were considered Unexcused Absence.
- July minutes were approved.
- August is National Black Business month which has been 27 years in existence. Jim Burke indicated that ShopBlackCT.com is a site that Black businesses from Windsor can be featured in.
- Town does not have a record of minority business in Windsor, women and disadvantaged businesses but working on it.
- Chairperson Washington asked if Racial Justice Programming would be a joint effort with the Town Council. Kevin Booker, Jr. would facilitate educational programs on Microaggression and White Privilege. Invited would be Grace Church, Archer Memorial Church, Windsor Democratic Town Committee, Board of Education, and First Church. Potential dates in September would be September 22, October 8 and September 25.
- “One Book One Windsor” books have been distributed and people have begun reading them. Books are *Know Your Price* by Andre Perry and *How to Be an Anti Racist* by Ibram X. Kendi. A book discussion will be in October with a date to be announced.
- Canned Food Drive and Hand Sanitizer Drive will take place in either September or October. Hand sanitizers will be distributed to Windsor Schools.
- A proposed meeting would be with an Executive of Black Lives Matter.
- Also a specific Zoom Meeting with youth leadership and interested youths.

- Chairperson Washington discussed inviting Nuchette Black Burke to the next meeting HRC if possible
- **Wilson Beautification Project:** Determine priorities and have a dialogue with Town Manager Peter Souza. Discussed was Roger Wolcott Elementary Schools and the future plans to be announced. Also, Commissioner Primus queried about the ownership of the empty lot across from Roger Wolcott School on Windsor Avenue. It was stated that the lot was town property. Suggestions were made on what to do with the empty plot of land such as planting trees, adding benches, sculptures or a rock garden. It was brought up that the median on Windsor Avenue through Wilson (Route 159) is in disrepair. Questions were posed if bricks could be repaired and flowers planted. Liaison Jim Burke stated that approximately 25% of Wilson is business. Possible meeting with The Wilson Deerfield Advisory Board for ideas on Wilson Beautification ideas.