

**Town of Windsor**  
**Human Relations Commission**  
**September 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes**  
**Zoom Virtual Meeting**

- The meeting began at 6:42 pm. Present were Chairperson Judge Kevin Washington, Assistant Chairperson Patricia Mack, Secretary Desiree Primus, Commissioners Joyce Armstrong and Leonard Swade and Liaison Jim Burke. Commissioners Max Kuziack, Byron Bobb, Ann McAdams, and Kereme Murrelle were each noted as having an unexcused absence.
- It was announced that two more Commissioners have been approved. They are Joshua Amaro and Rebecca Jacobson and they will be introduced at our October meeting.
- Public Communications-None
- August minutes were approved.
- Liaison Jim Burke states that the town now has a Zoom account that allows up to 500 participants.
- Voting is different this year due to COVID 19. Further Information can be found on MYVOTE.CT about absentee ballots.
- Residents are encouraged to use the Town website to complete the US Census. Currently there is a 76% response rate.
- A press release and or flyer for the Cans and Hands has been sent to the *Windsor Journal*, Chamber of Commerce, *Hartford Courant*, *Journal Inquirer* and Town of Windsor Website, Geisslers, Windsor Post Office and Windsor Library. Chairperson Washington will resend flyer to John Karas for publication in the Windsor Journal and will send information to WFSB Meteorologist and *Better Connecticut* Host Scott Haney. Chairperson Washington will also send flyers to local churches as well.
- HRC Commission Volunteers will be present at the LP Wilson Community Center for the Cans and Hands drive at 8:30 am. The supplies will be picked up and sent to the Rainbow Fire Station and then to Food Share. Hand Sanitizers will be

checked to make sure they are not on an unapproved health list; they will be distributed to a Windsor School.

- A discussion was had on a Black Lives Matter mural for Windsor. Other cities and towns in the Greater Hartford area and across the country have paint installations. Suggested resources are Marcia Hinckley of the Windsor Art Center, Hartford Foundation for Giving. Commissioner Primus stated that she knew the organizers of The BLM mural at the State Capitol. According to Jim Burke, the Office of Community and Economic Development has no money for a mural. Possible suggestions were Roger Wolcott where Robotics meets on Thursdays, and the street in front of the Windsor Public Library and Grace Church. The mural would need approval from the Town Manager, Peter Souza.
- Wilson Beautification Project- Residents will be meeting soon to discuss ideas on how to improve the appearance. A question was raised to determine if Deerfield would be included in beautification.
- Racial Justice Programming Kevin Booker will facilitate virtual discussions on Implicit Bias, Microaggressions and White Privilege. There will also be future programming on Youth Issues in addition to Health Inequities. Professional people will speak on Latino and Black health inequities.
- The proposed dates for the aforementioned Racial Justice series are September 27 and early October (early afternoon.)
- “One Book One Windsor” will have an expert lead a virtual community discussion on Zoom. October 8 is the deadline for Commissioners to have completed the books *How to Be Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi and *Know Your Price* by Andre M. Perry. There will be an added book selection for youth entitled *Stamped* by the same author of *How to Be an Anti Racist*, Ibram X. Kendi.
- Windsor Historical Society wants to partner future events with the HRC. The new director of the society is Doug Shipman.
- New Bridge Builders Awards Applications will be sent out October 1 with a due date of November 1. The January Bridge Builders Award Ceremony will be a virtual Zoom event. The application will be amended to include an email address for the nominated person.
- December has been the month for brainstorming for the Black History Jeopardy Contest.

- Chairpersons of Human Relations Commissions in West Hartford and South Windsor have proposed a joint contest with the Town of Windsor HRC. The contest will be a face mask decorating contest with local artists and children; votes will be casted online.
- Chairperson Washington will make a town resolution honoring Hispanic Heritage Month. (September 15-October 15.)
- The John Mason Statue on the Town Green will be moved to the Windsor Historical Society. Settler John Mason's statue will be displayed for educational purposes. The controversy was due to John Mason's Pequot Massacre.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.