

Town of Windsor
Human Relations Commission
Unapproved Minutes
Zoom Meeting
November 12, 2020 - 6:30 pm

Present: Chairperson Kevin Washington, Assistant Chairperson Patricia Mack, Secretary Commissioner Desiree Primus, Treasurer Max Kuziak, Commissioners Josh Amaro, Kereme Murrell, Leonard Swade, Joyce Armstrong, Rebecca Jacobsen, Byron Bobb and Liaison, Jim Burke. Guest was Levey Kardulis.

Public Communications: None

October Minutes Approved.

Request for Poet Laureate will be presented by Chairperson Washington before the Town Council on Monday night of next week.

Town Clerk received correspondence from Hamden Human Rights Commission, Chairperson Sean Cardwell. They are interested in brainstorming with the other Human Rights Commissions in state.

\$3,480 budget
\$415 spent for Kevin Booker on Racial Justice Series.

Balance is 3,030 presented by Treasurer Max Kuziak.

Outstanding Expenses from Mural Project, receipts will be presented. Discussed was the belief that the mural should be closed from vehicle traffic, it was perceived to be disrespectful to the artists to have cars drive over it. Black Lives Matter Mural at Bushnell Park still looks good, concerned by the longevity of the Windsor Mural. It would cost approximately \$5500 every year to repaint. The Town Council Meeting would be the place where members and residents could ask to extend closure to pedestrians. Other options would be to divert traffic but the Windsor Public Library would lose handicapped spaces, garbage truck passage and deliveries difficult, patrons access to the library decreased. A talk with Gaye Rizzo, director of the library, would take place and Jim would talk to Town Manager Peter Souza and Assistant Town Manager Scott Colby.

A Thank You Letter for the restaurants that donated lunches for the mural artists was sent out by Assistant Commissioner Pat Mack.

Donations from Individuals were received, one check from the Carpenters (\$200) and donations received from Levey. Donations need receipts. It was advised that the Commission should avoid fundraisers as it takes away from the mission and the work that the Commission requires

that grants should be obtained. \$3, 600 was received from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. Jim Burke suggested that the Commission ask to increase the budget.

Wilson Beautification- Possible painted planters, further inquiries will be made.

Conversations on Race Series, "The Hate You Give." Cassie Copeland will be the facilitator on this film discussion. Proposed for Sunday, November 29.

December 21, 6:00 to 7:30 Black Lives Matter Youth Program proposed in the future. Chairperson Washington asked for ideas from other Commissioners on racial programs.

Also proposed for the future: Juneteenth Celebration, and a consideration of other ethnic groups such as Italians, Native Americans and Irish for cultural programming.

Win-TV and YouTube will have an uploaded video of the Mural Dedication Ceremony.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37p.m.