

**TOWN OF WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
VIRTUAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2021**

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** Chairman Washington at 6:35 p.m.
2. **Commissioner Roll Call:** Chairman Washington. The following commissioners attended the meeting: Judge Kevin Washington, Patricia Mack, Joyce Armstrong, Leonard Swade, Rebecca Jacobsen.
3. **Public Communications:** no speakers
4. **Approval of Minutes:** January 2020 minutes have been tabled until March meeting.
5. **Liaison Report/Treasurer Report:**

Mr. Burke reported that our new general budget balance is \$881.00 and, in the scholarship, fund we have \$690.00.

Judge Washington added that we as a commission asked the town to provide us an extra \$1,000.00 to our budget for this year.

Mr. Burke also stated that we have asked the town to increase our budget by \$1,000.00 for the upcoming year due to the multiple events we are planning.

6. **Old Business**
 - a. Conversations On Race

Sandra Brown and Yasmine Shwayhat created a flyer for Black History town events. This flyer went out to our online partner groups and individuals.

Generations and Family will be the first workshop on February 21, 2021, 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. The host is Hon. Kevin Washington, guest speakers are Castella Copeland and Genevieve Condon.

The second workshop is Acknowledging Racism as a Public Health Crisis on February 28, 2021, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. via Zoom. The host will be Hon. Kevin Washington and the guest facilitators Nuchette Black-Burke and Douglas Shipman.

- b. Black History

United Nations Middle Passage Tour takes place from February 5th -26th. This is an online tour that costs \$8.00. We encourage everyone that is interested to take this tour.

National Underground Railroad a Zoom event

c. Bridge Builder

The Bridge Builders applications will go out on March 1st. The deadline to return the applications will be on March 31st. The event will be a Virtual Zoom award event on April 29, 2021 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

d. One Book, One Windsor

This event will take place on Sunday, March 21, 2021, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The facilitator will be Maria Furlow. The books that will be featured are Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You: by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds, and How to be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Jay Tulin chair of the Farmington Human Relations Commission informed our commission that there will be an 11-town statewide commission forum coming this spring. The goal will be to communicate with each other to distribute information on what each commission is doing.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Joyce Armstrong shared information on the Hartford Foundation of Giving Circles. She will explore this group and bring information back to the commission to see if we would like to join this group.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made for adjournment by Commissioner Armstrong and seconded by Chair Kevin Washington at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Desiree Primus, Secretary