

**TOWN OF WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT  
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
APRIL 14, 2021**

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order** Chairman Washington called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
2. **Commissioner Roll Call:** Present: Kevin Washington, Joyce Armstrong, Linda Massa, Rebecca Jacobsen, Kereme Murrell, and Desiree Primus. Absent: Pat Mack, Len Swade, Josh Amaro, Byron Bobb, Max Kuziak.

Also present: James Burke, staff liaison.

3. **Public Communications:** N/A
4. **Approval of Minutes:** March Minutes approved.

5. **Liaison Report/Treasurer Report:**

Mr. Burke reported that the current general fund budget balance is \$620. At the request of the Chairman, the Town Manager approved additional funds totaling \$980 to be allocated to the Commission, bringing the total budget balance at this time to be \$1600.

Mr. Burke also reported that Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training has been provided for all part- and full-time town employees. He also reported on the Health Department's efforts to increase public information about the COVID vaccine, particularly to those in underserved areas, and to set up vaccination clinics.

6. **Old Business**

a. Conversations on Race

Chairman Washington asked the Commission to approve an additional \$175 honorarium for Commissioner Castella Copeland for her facilitating of the Conversations on Race. It was approved.

Chairman Washington reported the next Conversation on Race will focus on the movie *13<sup>th</sup>*, and will be moved from April 18<sup>th</sup> to April 21<sup>st</sup>.

b. Bridge Builder Awards

Chairman Washington reported the count of the awardees at this moment is 10. Anna Posniak, Castella Copeland, and Sandra Brown were approved by the Commission to receive the Chairman's Award.

Mr. Burke reported that the Council Chambers have been approved to serve as a location for the Awards, as long as COVID protocols are followed (masks, capacity, etc.) The Awards will take place April 29.

c. Juneteenth

Chairman Washington reported the Windsor Art Center may have an event on June 18<sup>th</sup> with storytelling, drums, and art featured. The 19<sup>th</sup> is proposed to be a Community Picnic on the Green, featuring food, Gospel choirs and church leaders and potentially collaborating with surrounding towns. The 20<sup>th</sup> is proposed to be a Conversation on Race hosted on Zoom.

**7. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Armstrong reported that the Windsor Food and Fuel Bank initiative is going well, and there will be a bike drive on April 17<sup>th</sup> to collect food for the food bank and bicycles for children. She also reported there will be a Windsor Clean-Up through First Town Downtown on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Primus proposed that the street mural is fading and should be covered up. After discussion, a consensus was reached that the Commission would take no action on this point.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made for adjournment by Chairman Washington and seconded by Commissioner Massa at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Burke, Staff Liaison