

**TOWN OF WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
VIRTUAL MEETING
JUNE 9, 2021**

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** Chairman Washington called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
2. **Commissioner Roll Call:** Present: Kevin Washington, Rebecca Jacobsen, Joyce Armstrong, Byron Bobb, Pat Mack, Linda Massa, Len Swade. Absent: Josh Amaro, Kereme Murrell.

Also present: Jim Burke, Staff Liaison

3. **Public Communications:** N/A
4. **Approval of Minutes:** None approved in this meeting.

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

Mr. Burke reported that the Town Council will be starting in-person hybrid meetings. Chairman Washington asked the Commissioners how they would prefer to meet. The consensus was to have a hybrid meeting in September.

Mr. Burke reported that the balance coming up to the Juneteenth event is \$973. First Church of Windsor has made a contribution of \$500 to be used for the event, and the Amazon \$1,000 is pending. This total would be \$2,478. A total cost of \$1,792 has been reached so far, but some costs are still to be determined.

6. **Old Business**

a. Juneteenth

Chairman Washington reported that the cupcakes and drinks will be given to people free. Mr. Burke asked for Commission members to volunteer for the event. A sign-up sheet will be created with shifts for volunteers. Chairman Washington stated that the event at the Wilson Branch of the Library has collaborated with the HRC event and agreed to direct people to the Green after their event. Ideas for layout, publicity, entertainment lineup, and potential food options were discussed. Commissioners were asked to hang flyers and posters to publicize the event.

Chairman Washington will send a press release to the Windsor Journal and Win-TV. Voter registration will also be offered at the event, coordinated by the Commission.

The Conversation on Race will take place on the 20th from 6-8 p.m. and feature Chairman Washington, Castella Copeland, Doug Shipman, Kevin Booker, and Rev. Dr. Steve Jungkeit.

b. Loomis Chaffee – National Ambassador Appearance Program

Chairman Washington reported that the Associate Dean of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator from Loomis Chaffee has reached out to ask if the HRC would manage a program, collaborating with Medina Academy for the Every Child a Reader Program. Author Jason Reynolds will be featured. A motion was made by Chairman Washington, seconded by Commissioner Armstrong, and the motion carried.

c. Witness Stone Project

Chairman Washington reported that the Witness Stone Project would like to put a stone in Windsor memorializing Nancy Toney, an enslaved person to the Loomis Chaffee family and the last one in the town of Windsor. The Windsor Historical Society and History Department heads from Windsor High School are on board with this project. A motion was made by Chairman Washington and seconded by Byron Bobb, and the motion carried.

d. Annual Election of Officers

Chairman Washington reported that the HRC is in need of a secretary. Commissioner Massa proposed that she be elevated from an Alternate Commissioner to Secretary, dependent on more information.

Chairman Washington nominated Pat Mack for Vice Chair, Byron Bobb seconded, and the other Commissioners were in favor.

Commissioner Armstrong nominated Kevin Washington for Chairman, and Commissioner Mack seconded. The Commissioners were in favor, and Chairman Washington accepted.

7. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

* N/A

8. ADJOURNMENT:

* The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Burke, Staff Liaison