

**TOWN OF WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING - DECEMBER 21st, 2022**

ZOOM

Note that the regular meeting of 12/14/2022 did not reach a quorum, so this special meeting was held in its place.

1. CALL TO ORDER - CHAIR/COMMISSIONER-JUDGE WASHINGTON

Meeting started at 6:50.

2. ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE - SECRETARY/COMMISSIONER MADISON

Present were: Judge Kevin Washington, James Madison, Byron Bobb, Joyce Armstrong, Lisette LaTorre, Patrick McMahon. Castella Copeland-Smith joined via phone at 7:20.

Excused absences were: Leonard Swade, Linda Massa, Rebecca Jacobsen, Thomas Hayes.

Unexcused absences were: Pat Mack.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

No members of the public were present.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NOVEMBER 2022

Minutes were accepted with amendments with a vote of 5-0-0. Secretary Madison will submit the amended version.

5. LIASION REPORT - PATICK MCMAHON

a. FINANCIAL REPORT

The budget was reviewed. 341.50 was spent. \$150 was an honorarium. Minor spending has occurred.

b. STATUS OF BRIDGE BUILDER APPLICATIONS RECEIVED TO DATE

No applications have been received at this time. The commissioners are asked to submit candidates.

c. DISPLAY CASE CVS

Our material was taken out a few weeks ago. There is high demand for the windows. They know we'd like it for Juneteenth. They are good with us having it from 4/1 through June.

d. HUMAN RELATIONS 2023 CALENDAR

We need to adopt the meetings of 2023. The rules need to make 1/5/23 as a special meeting due to the requirement of a 30 day lead time. We're adding in the 1/10/2024 meeting to the regular meetings to be adopted. Motion passed 5-0-0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. HRC - HRC SLOGAN - COMMISSIONERS MADISON/ARMSTRONG

After much discussion, the following slogan was adopted 6-0-0:

Local citizens working toward a united community.

b. COMMISSIONER - CALENDAR UPDATE-Chair Washington

All meetings indicated on the [shared calendar](#) prior to this meeting were held.

Discussion around attendance as the "Conversations" was held. Concerns included low attendance and whether anyone watches the recordings. The commission felt that doing fewer might make more folks attend those that we do have. The commission also felt that not having them in December would be good since it's a busy month.

Discussion also included doing podcasts. We would need more formal equipment, which the commission felt we could do. However, podcasts are more like interviews than conversations. Vice-chair Copeland-Smith will look into the podcast idea more.

No vote was taken as this change is more about general planning.

Holocaust museum trip would be about \$2,000 for transportation. That would be spread across all those going, for example if 30 people attended, it would be \$67 per person. The guided tour is \$15 per person, which the HRC would cover. We ultimately decided to cancel, or move it far into the future.

See the shared calendar for the latest schedule that includes a number of small changes.

c. MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY - MONDAY JANUARY 16, 2023

The special guest speaker accepted. It will be Sunday 1/15/23 from 1:00-4:00 p.m., as reflected in the updated shared calendar.

An honorarium of \$175 was moved by Vice-chair Copeland-Smith, seconded by Commissioner LaTorre, and passed 6-0-0.

d. BRIDGE BUILDER - Chair Judge Washington

This will be moving from January to May. The new date is 5/20/2023, the same day of the Shad Derby. Which types of charities was discussed. The main constraint was whether the food bank will be there. If so, we don't want to

compete with them. Covenant to Care will provide a truck, which is a major plus. The veteran's group will come and get it for you, again a major plus.

e. FEBRUARY - BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Discussions around planning revised details that were captured in the shared calendar. The freedom trail item was moved out.

f. PHENOMENAL WOMEN AWARDS MARCH 9 6:30-8:30 TOWN HALL

Commissioners are encouraged to submit nominations.

g. COURAGEOUS COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Adjustments to the number of conversations were already discussed above.

h. ONE BOOK ONE WINDSOR BOOK & DISCUSSION - COMMUNITY

Facilitators know their assignments. Vice-chair Copeland-Smith will ensure that Commissioner Mack is on track. The location will be moved to the library if possible.

7. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

A student applied to be on the commission. She is very involved in the community already. She is a sophomore. The role is not a voting member. It's not clear if the process is the same as regular commissioners. Chair Washington noted to Vice-chair Copeland-Smith and Commissioner Armstrong that they could invite the student to visit the January meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY JANUARY 5, 2022 @6:30 LUDLOW ROOM

Commissioner Armstrong moved to adjourn, which was accepted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

James Madison, Secretary