

Minutes to:
WINDSOR HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, September 11, 2024 - 6:30 PM
Windsor Town Hall, Ludlow Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair LaTorre-Muszynski

1. Welcome - Chair LaTorre-Muszynski welcomed everyone and our newest commissioner Sandra Reault. All commissioners in attendance also introduced themselves to Ms. Reault.

2. Attendance: Only absences was Commissioner Tyson

3. Public Communication - No Public communication to the Town of Windsor and no public in attendance

4. Approval of Minutes from June 2024

Motioned to approve - M. Nugent

Seconded motion - L. LaTorre-Muszynski

Minutes were Approved with one abstention (new commissioner hadn't been at prior meeting)

5. Executive Report- The retreat in August went well. We established event leads for all four events as well as dates for all our major events. Unanimous vote was made to only do the main four events but still collaborate with other committees with which we have an established relationship.

6. Dates for the annual year of 2025 have been set. They will continue to be held the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30p.m.

7. Budget Report- We discussed that this year we have a larger budget than usual and need to find a balance between elevating the events this year and ensuring that the elevation level can be maintained next year when the budget is not as large. Use some money this year for "capital investments," which may be used for future events, e.g., promotional material, tent for events.

- A new budget format was introduced
- A huge shout out and thank you to the Bean for creating a specialty drink during last year's Juneteeth for our scholarship fund. The drink raised \$250.00 for our scholarship fund. We are hoping to get more donations to the fund.

8. Roles and Responsibilities - Due to most commissioners being new, a review of roles and responsibilities was explained. During our August retreat it was discussed and unanimously accepted that the expectation of attendance at all four major WHRC events is expected. It was also discussed that this was not an unreasonable expectation since

the dates for all the events have already been established.

- Event leads will be those who volunteer to coordinate and organize the event they have chosen.

9. Bridge Builders - To be held at Northwest Park on Sunday, November 10, 2-4pm. Leads for the event have been established along with a budget. A save-the-date has already been sent to the Town of Windsor and should have already been posted to their website.

10. Phenomenal Women - This event will be held on International Women's Day, March 8, 2-4pm. We will be applying for a grant that is offered through the Town of Windsor to use toward holding this event at the Homestead this year. Alternate venue would be LP Wilson.

11. One Book One Windsor (OBOW) - This year the event will be held at the Windsor Public Library Main Branch. The book we will be discussing is "The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store" written by James McBride. We welcome all residents to join us on January 12, 2025 from 1-3p.m

12. Juneteenth - This year the WHRC will hold its annual Juneteenth event on June 19, 2025 on the Town Green. The tentative time for this event will be 5-7p.m. Last year, Vice Chair Nugent applied for a grant through the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving Gillette Fund. The approval of this grant will be presented to the Town Council on 09/16/2024. If approved we will use this grant solely for our Juneteenth celebration. All commissioners have volunteered to take on different lead roles for this event and we expect it to be another amazing event.

12. Meeting Adjournment

motioned to adjourn at 8:10 pm by J. Cooke,
seconded by M. Bendzans
passed 8 - 0 - 0

Next meeting will be October 9, 2024 at 6:30pm
Minutes submitted by Secretary Judy Cooke.