



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION Meeting Minutes

DATE: September 11, 2018
TIME: 7:15 p.m.
PLACE: Ludlow Room

1. Call to Order: Chair Washington called to order at 7:16 pm
2. Roll Call: Present: Chair Kevin Washington, Vice Chair Pat Mack and Commissioners: Tracy Green, Max Kuziak, Len Swade, Desiree Primus, Jeremy Lawson, Pamela Lofton McGeorge (Secretary) and Diane McDougald (Liaison)
Excused: Commissioner Joyce Armstrong and Student Representative Xavier McGeorge
3. Public Communications: None
4. Approval of Minutes: May 9, 2018
May 9th minutes require a correction to add Commissioner Max Kuziak's name to the list of attendees. June 13th minutes reviewed with no revisions needed.
Motion: Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve May 9th minutes with noted revision and June 13th minutes. 2nd by Commissioner Kuziak. Vote: 7-0-0 Motion passes.
5. New Business:
 - A. Wethersfield Human Relations Commission (HRC) – Wethersfield HRC along with West Hartford HRC are using us as their model for their HRC commission. The two towns have requested to attend one of our meeting and have invite our commission to attend their meetings, as well.
 - B. Bridge Builder Awards 2018
Will be held on Thursday, November 29th. Application deadline will be November 2nd. Diane will secure reservation for room and send out save the date information. Chair Washington indicated that Commissioners should nominate 2 people for the award. Chair Washington and Commissioner Green suggested for the HRC to provide Thanksgiving dinner for the homeless. Bridge Builder Committee will consist of Chair Washington, Vice Chair Mack, Commissioners Len Swade and Max Kuziak
 - C. Feed the Homeless – Thanksgiving
Anticipated date would be the Sunday before Thanksgiving. More information will need to be planned, such as location, transportation and catering, etc.

Motion: Commissioner Kuziak made a motion to add the “Feed the Homeless – Thanksgiving Dinner” event to the 2019-2020 HRC calendar. 2nd by Commissioner Lawson. Vote: 8-0-0 motion passes.

Commissioner Green will chair and provide a proposal for this event. Commissioner Kuziak will participate on committee.

D. Fair Housing:

Chair Washington stated that he was approached by Betsy Kennison (Housing Authority) and Jim Burke (Fair Housing) to partner with them to sponsor an educational program regarding housing in Windsor. The program will be a discussion about fair housing in the State of Connecticut such as discrimination, disparities, etc.

Motion: Commissioner Swade made a motion that the HRC collaborate with the Housing Authority and Fair Housing Commissions in sponsoring an educational discussion for town residents. Vote: 5-1-2 motion passes

E. National Literacy Month:

Chair Washington mentioned that the Poetry Slam and Storytelling events were approved. He suggested that the HRC would join with Windsor High School and Loomis Chaffee to sponsor the event for April, 2019. The local community will be involved too. Vice Chair Mack will chair this committee. More information will be provided.

F. Ingenious People Day:

The HRC committee is planning to tour the Mashantucket Pequot Museum on Nov. 17th. More details will be provided.

Motion: Commissioner Lawson made a motion that the HRC present a proclamation for Ingenious People Month. 2nd by Commissioner Swade. Vote: 7-0-0 motion passes

6. Reports:

a. Liaison Report:

1. Archer Memorial Church events:
September 15th – Archer Memorial Church - Freedom Trail Run (3.9 miles)
September 27th – Archer Memorial Church - Freedom Trail Walk (3.9 miles)
Register for both events online
2. Millbrook Golf Course: There is a survey available on Town’s website regarding what to do with the land, such as a recreation center, etc.
3. September 18th – Volunteer Services Night at the town hall
4. September 15th – Northwest Park Country Fair
5. September 20th – Citizen Training (7 weeks) Contact Anita Jubrey
6. October 6th – Chili Festival sponsored by the Democratic Town Council 11am – 3pm

b. Student Report:

The Windsor High School is off to a great start. There are two new Vice Principals this year. Ms. Stephanie Lockhart and Ms. Shatanna DeRosie

7. Old Business:

A. Medina Academy Invitation – Will discuss next meeting regarding plan to visit the school.

B. One Book, One Windsor: Book selected is titled “White Houses.” HRC purchased 12 books to be checked out at the Windsor Public Library

1. September 28th – Kickoff event with Professor from Manchester Community College to give a brief overview of Eleanor Roosevelt at Windsor Public Library
2. October 27th – Trip to Hyde Park, NY to visit one of Eleanor Roosevelt private homes. Chair Washington will coordinate event and more details will be provided. Reservations are needed. Tickets are \$10 per person, which includes a 45-60 minutes tour. In addition, there is a free trolley ride available to visit the house Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt resided and a tour of President Roosevelt Library.
3. November 3rd – Book and Tea discussion. HRC will be working with the Historical Society and period costumes has been suggested for event dress attire.

C. Windsor Community Day: Tabled

8. Commissioner Round Table.

- A. Commissioner Kuziak – Suggested partnership with Grace Church to sponsor a Food Bank to supply assistance to Windsor residents. Volunteers are needed to work 1 day for 4 hours.
- B. Vice Chair Mack – October 8th: Italian Night Fundraiser sponsored by Democratic Town Council
- C. Commissioner Lawson – Suggested to abolish Columbus Day and present a resolution to the Town Council. He expressed his concerns with Personnel Committee for not approving the separation of children situation. In addition, he suggested the push for Windsor being a Sanctuary City and would like the HRC to discuss with the Town Council. Motion: Commissioner made a motion to ask the Town Council to make Town of Windsor a Sanctuary City. 2nd by Commissioner Swade. Vote: 7-0-0. Commissioner Lawson will chair the committee and provide a proposal.
- D. Commissioner Swade – mentioned that there will be a textile exhibit at the Windsor Art Center starting in October. Also, the film “Ellis” starring Robert DeNiro will be showing at the Windsor Art Center on November 8th at 6pm. Commissioner Swade indicated that he will request the Affirmative Action Report from the Town Manager.
- E. Chair Washington – October 19th the HRC is scheduled to tour the United Nations. The entry time is 2:15pm; however, attendees need to be there 1 hour early (1:15pm).
- F. There was brief discussion to change the HRC monthly meetings to start at 6:30pm instead of 7:15pm. Motion: Commissioner Lawson made a motion to change meeting start time to 6:30pm starting with October meeting. 2nd by Commissioner Green. Vote: 7-0-0 motion passes.

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:17. Motion: Commissioner Lawson made a motion to adjourn meeting. 2nd by Commissioner Green. 7-0-0 motion passes.

Submitted by,
Pamela Lofton-McGeorge