

**Town of West Hartford  
Human Rights Commission  
Mission Statement**

*“The West Hartford Human Rights Commission fosters mutual understanding and respect among people, and encourages equality of treatment of all people, regardless of race, color, religious creed, sex, sexual orientation, civil union status, gender identity or expression, marital status, familial status, genetic information, age, economic status, lawful source of income, national origin or ancestry, veteran status, or present or past history of physical, mental, intellectual or learning disability including, but not limited to blindness.”*

**Town of West Hartford  
Human Rights Commission  
West Hartford Town Hall  
7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, May 1, 2018  
Room 217**

**Final Minutes**

**Attendance**

Krishna Adhikari	Present
Pramod Pradhan, Administrative Liaison	Present
Sarah Raskin, Secretary	Present
Judith Wyman Kelly, Co-Chair	Present
Barry Walters, Co-Chair	Present
Denise Jackson-Riley	Present

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 pm by Judy Kelly.

1. Approval of the March, 2018 minutes. Pramod corrected the spelling of his name and Judy corrected Elizabeth Devine’s affiliation to retired. Krishna moved to approve the minutes with those changes and Denise seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Judy Wyman Kelly discussed the two vacancies on the Commission. Chris Barnes was in contact with Judy about possible candidates. Karyl may also have to resign.
3. Judy Wyman Kelly updated us on the Charter of Compassion. Pramod will be meeting with Martha Church to find out the outcome of the Human Services Committee meeting.
4. Discussion of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Remembrance Day event. The Commissioners agreed that it was a positive event that garnered considerable favorable press.
5. South Sudanese human rights activist Yom Deng Bul spoke sponsored by the Human Rights Commission at the West Hartford Public Library.
6. Members of the Human Rights Commission Pramod and Sarah attended Hello West Hartford and the banner was displayed.
7. In coordination with The Golden Door we will help the Public Library organize a panel of speakers who are immigrants.
8. We agreed to attend the Park Road Parade again this year. We discussed different groups that we could invite to march with us.

9. There may be some statewide planning for the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights. This will launch in September at Auer Farm with some training and the encouragement for people to create events in their towns and then come back for a discussion. The suggestion was made that we be the ones to take the lead to create an event in West Hartford.
10. There was a suggestion that we invite the new Police Chief to come to a meeting in the fall.
11. Denise raised the issue of how we can become more proactive in bringing up issues that are important to people in town. Barry reminded the Commissioners that we had agreed to each bring in one idea of something to work on and champion. It was agreed that each Commissioner would bring ideas of activities, events, or ways to commemorate historical events. Denise agreed to research Juneteenth.

Barry moved to adjourn the meeting and this was seconded by Judy. The meeting was officially adjourned by Judy Kelly at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah A. Raskin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Sarah Raskin  
March 6, 2018