

**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, 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, September 4, 2018  
Room 217**

**Minutes**

**Attendance**

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

One member of the public was in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by Barry Walters.

1. Approval of the June 5, 2018 minutes. Denise moved to approve the minutes and Krishna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Barry reported that there is no update on the Charter of Compassion at this time. Pramod will report back after the next Human Services Committee meeting. Barry agreed to send around a copy of the Charter to the Human Rights Commission members and all members will review the current document.
3. Discussion of West Hartford Human Rights Day celebration. The celebration will be December 3 at Town Hall. There was a discussion of the photo frames being distributed at the libraries and traveling from school to school. It was agreed that the current draft proposal would be reviewed by the Commissioners and comments compiled by September 11.
4. Park Road Parade. A suggestion was made to reach out to elected officials to march along with us. It was also suggested that we reach out to high school human rights classes. Pramod has the banner. There was a question about whether we could get more shirts printed.
5. The statewide launch for the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights will be on September 8 at the Hartford Capitol. The idea is for people to then create events in their towns and then come back for a discussion. We will then all come back together on December 14 at Auer Farm.

6. Pramod announced that Mayor Shari Cantor will have Open Office hours on September 24 from 5-6pm
7. Pramod announced that on September 28 Golden Door is having a program at Noah Webster Library from 6:30-8pm, called Neighbors from around the world. This will be both a fall and spring series with talks by refugees.
8. Hello West Hartford will not happen this year. Do we want to partner with other groups to create something similar in their place?
9. Sarah announced that on September 23 there will be a free movie and community conversation about The Children's March. We agreed to co-sponsor.
10. Sarah announced that on October 8 (Indigenous Peoples Day) there will be a screening of the film Dawnland with a discussion with Chris Newell.
11. We agreed to a special meeting in October to discuss Human Rights Day planning. Sarah agreed to send out a doodle poll to find the best date.

Krishna moved to adjourn the meeting and this was seconded by Sarah. The meeting was officially adjourned by Barry Walters at 8:40 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  
September 6, 2018