

**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, June 5, 2018
Room 217**

DRAFT Minutes

Attendance

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| 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 |

One member of the public was in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Barry Walters.

1. Approval of the May, 2018 minutes. Judy K, moved to approve the minutes and Denise seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Judy K. gave an update on the two vacancies on the Commission. Republican Town Councilor Chris Barnes is still looking for candidates to fill the two vacancies.
3. Barry updated the Commission on the Charter of Compassion. The town subcommittee did not discuss it at their last meeting. Pramod is going to ask that it be included in the June 28th meeting. Pramod and Barry will attend.
4. The next event in the MLK series will be the documentary, the children’s “March for Peace” at Charter Oak School on July 1. Judy K. will update the Commission with details when they are available.
5. The Commission chose the following monthly themes for awareness raising and education— June: Juneteenth; July: Trafficking in Persons; August: Senior Citizens; September: Democracy; October: Indigenous Peoples; November: Violence against women; December: Human Rights. Information and news articles about and connected to these themes will be posted on our social media accounts and local events will be coordinated as feasible. The Commission also discussed submitting brief updates to the town email newsletter.

6. Denise reported that there is a Juneteenth family event at the Wadsworth on Saturday, June 9 and a gala at the Amistad Center on Friday, June 15.
7. Barry reported that True Colors will march with us in the Park Road Parade this year. Judy K. will also invite students in the the high school human rights classes.
8. Judy K. gave an update on plans for the state-wide 70th anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights. The launch will be in Hartford (Bushnell Park?) in early September with a concluding meeting at Auer Farm in December. The Commission will discuss possibilities for a WH event in December.
9. Pramod notified the Commission that Faxon branch library will be serving free lunches this summer to anyone under the age of 18. The library is working with the "Hunger Action" team.

Judy K. moved to adjourn the meeting and this was seconded by Denise. The meeting was officially adjourned by Barry at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Wyman Kelly
June 5, 2018, 2018