

**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, November 13, 2018
Room 217**

DRAFT Minutes

Attendance

Krishna Adhikari	Present
Pramod Pradhan, Administrative Liaison	Present
Sarah Raskin, Secretary	Present
Barry Walters, Co-Chair	Present
Judy Borden	Present
Brian Greenleaf	Present
Judy Wyman Kelly	Present

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Judy Kelly.

1. Approval of the September 14, 2018 minutes. Judy B moved to approve the minutes and Krishna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Approval of the October 23, 2018 special meeting
3. Barry discussed the suggestion that we meet monthly rather than every two months. It was agreed that we would meet the first Tuesday of every month unless there is a holiday and not during the summer. Krishna moves and Barry seconds. The decision was unanimous. Dates will be:
 - a. December 4, 2018
 - b. January 8, 2019
 - c. February 5, 2019
 - d. March 5, 2019
 - e. April 2, 2019
 - f. May 7, 2019
 - g. September 3, 2019
 - h. October 1, 2019
 - i. November 5, 2019
 - j. December 3, 2019

4. Election of officers. Judy Kelly announced that she was resigning from the Commission. Ballots were completed and given to Pramod to tally.
5. Charter of Compassion/Town of Compassion. We need to find out where the calendar will be hosted and who will be sending information. Pramod will reach out to find out the logistics.
Questions:
Where will the calendar live?
Who will input the information?
How will others in town know to submit information?
Can a new section be created in the Town of West Hartford email blast for events related to Town of Compassion?
6. Judy Kelly gave an update on the Dawland screening. It was well attended and well received. There is interest in making it an annual event. There was also a suggestion to ask the Town Council to change the name to Indigenous People's Day from Columbus Day.
7. Barry gave an update on Marriage Equality Day event. A Philadelphia Pride flag was raised on the Town Green flagpole. Mayor Cantor, Senator Bye, Representative-Elect Gilchrest, and several members of the Town Council were in attendance. Deputy Mayor Kerrigan presented a proclamation declaring November 12 Marriage Equality Day in West Hartford.
8. Discussion of West Hartford Human Rights Day celebration. The celebration will be December 3 at Town Hall. The list of town groups that are being invited to table was distributed and members were asked to send ideas of other groups. Judy Kelly went through each part of the event. It was agreed that it would be sent to the WeHa calendar, the Courant calendar and that Renee McCue would create a flyer and email it out.
9. Judy Kelly reported that she went to University of Connecticut at Storrs to talk about Human Rights at the local level. The group was Gen UN.
10. West Hartford was not in the top 10 listing for police racial profiling report for the state of Connecticut. It was agreed that every year in January we would send a letter to the Chief of Police.
11. Pramod reported on Census 2020 for a complete count of West Hartford. In 2019 the kickoff will happen around June 2019 and finish in 2020. He suggested that the Human Rights Commission participate.
12. Barry reported a new development at the Sisters of Saint Joseph site. It was discussed whether we want to promote having the development include affordable units.

Judy B moved to adjourn the meeting and this was seconded by Judy K. The meeting was officially adjourned by Barry Walters at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah Raskin
November 14, 2018