

**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.”

DRAFT Minutes

**Town of West Hartford
Human Rights Commission
West Hartford Town Hall
7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 5, 2019
Room 217**

Attendance

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by Chairs Barry Walters and Sarah Raskin.

Approval of January 9, 2019 meeting minutes

Approval of the January 9, 2019 minutes. Denise moved to approve the minutes and Sarah seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Updates

Annual police report

Meet the new Chief. Pramod states that he has been reaching out to groups in town. Barry to reach out.

Town of Compassion calendar and awards

Sarah speaks to the calendar, but more specifically the awards. This came from the Town Council, focusing on unsung heroes. Pramod states that Human Rights day is the best time of day.

Krishna discusses different awards for non profit, business, gov't, groups vs individuals and weighting of criteria.

Sarah discusses that it would be different criteria.

Making West Hartford a Human Rights City

Barry will follow up with Mayor Cantor regarding this effort.

High School Athlete agreement and Student Conduct

Sarah reports that Tom Moore has not responded to a recent email.

Old Business

NAMI Art Show (National Alliance on Mental Illness)

Discussion around the potential art show and partners is had. The final decision of the group is to support the initiative if it is developed.

CEDAW (Convention on Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women)

Sarah discusses that is a great initiative, but thinks a different committee who should lead the effort on this proposal.

Setting annual budget and fiscal requests

Reaching out to partners

Denise suggests: brochures for the Commission, 2 programs for year - \$100 honoraria, tablecloth & promotional material

Sarah reports on new logo, a volunteer will be drafting few logos for consideration

Brian to create spreadsheet for budget requests.

New Business

Appoint liaison to MLK Celebration Committee

Sarah notes that Judy Wyman Kelly served as two chairs. Denise states that she can take on the role.

Appoint liaison to U.Hart. President's Community Advisory Commission

Brian volunteered for this position.

Hackathon or Day of Service

Covered under the budget discussion.

Other

Barry asks if there are any other days or events that the group would like to participate in. 50th Anniversary of Stonewall is in June 2019. Discussion on possible events, such as a movie ("Stonewall Uprising") and discussion at the library.

Pramod discusses that the library, schools, CTPR, is working on a series for ELL students who are going to learn podcasting, called: "This is who we are". They received a grant through LSTA.

Next Meeting, Tuesday, March 5, 2019, room 217

Adjournment

Brian moved to adjourn the meeting and this was seconded by Denise. The meeting was officially adjourned by Barry Walters at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Greenleaf