

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 Meeting

7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, 2023

In-Person Meeting: Elmwood Community Center, Room # 24
1106 New Britain Ave, West Hartford, CT 06110

Public Meeting Viewing & Participation Instructions:

- Members of the public can attend the meeting in-person.
- Anyone requiring auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or modification of policies or procedures to participate in a meeting, service, program or activity of the Town of West Hartford, should contact Suzanne Oslander, ADA Coordinator, at suzanneo@westhartfordct.gov or (860) 561-7580, as soon as possible, preferably seven days beforehand.

Agenda:

- Attendance
- Welcome New Commissioners: Mark Linabury and Cara Paiuk
- Discussion of future online holiday posts and new assignments including the post of Secretary, which Aurora Melita announced she is resigning as, while remaining a commissioner.
- WHHRC Recommends the adoption of Antisemitism Definition: Update from Treasurer Eric Schoenberg
- At our February meeting, Co-Chair Dawn Ennis initiated a discussion of the murder of Tyre Nichols by police officers in Memphis, Tennessee, as well as a conversation on the intersection of race, crime and police activity. The subcommittee posted a statement drafted by Dawn Ennis, and Co-Chair Esam Boraey postponed further discussion and any possible further action to this March 1 meeting since we did not have a quorum on Feb. 1 due to excused absences and a vacancy.
- Secretary Aurora Melita to lead discussion of topic of slavery and soliciting experts to make a presentation to the WHHRC at a future meeting.
- Discussion of WHHRC member outreach (ONE VACANCY REMAINING)
- Commissioner Ted Mancini to report on outreach to Republicans and Independents.
- Facilitator Pramod Pradhan to report on invitation to immigrant teen clubs.
- Commissioner Kristyn Rosen-Jacobs to formally propose inviting high school teens to a future WHHRC Meeting.

- Secretary Aurora Melita to formally propose that we organize a new fundraising event related to the WHHRC Food Drive, perhaps in June. Facilitator Pramod Pradhan offered assistance from the Town Library.
- Open Discussion
- Announce Next Meeting Date, Wednesday, April 5, 2023, in-person, at 7 p.m. in Room 24 of the Elmwood Community Center
- Adjournment