

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, June 7, 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:

- Secretary Kristyn Rosen-Jacobs has informed the co-chairs she is stepping down as secretary but will remain a commissioner. Her absence requires someone else to record attendance and the minutes and we invite all commissioners to consider succeeding her in the role of Secretary beginning in September.
- Attendance
- Commissioners to vote to approve amended minutes of May meeting.
- Report by commissioner Aurora Melita who formed a subcommittee with commissioner Ted Mancini to invite and solicit experts on special topics.
- Report by commissioner Mark Linabury on the work by the subcommittee on which he serves alongside commissioner Ted Mancini to create an event with an agenda to make more groups visible, such as at a Human Rights Town Hall.
- Report by commissioners Aurora Melita, Cara Paiuk, Eric Shoenberg and co-chair Esam Boraey on their subcommittee's work to help aid the Town of West Hartford Food Pantry.

- Co-Chair Dawn Ennis to nominate a Hall High student to join our new Youth Volunteer subcommittee alongside Angela Mancini, which was formed to recruit volunteer representatives from all public and private high schools in West Hartford, inclusive of any home school students.
- Follow-up discussion of events calendar requested by commissioner Cara Paiuk.
- Review dates of multiple upcoming events, including Juneteenth celebration, West Hartford Pride and Celebrate West Hartford.
- Co-chair Dawn Ennis to report on events related to West Hartford Pride.
- The commission will vote whether to suspend meetings in July and August as has been our tradition except in cases of special meetings, as happened last summer.
- Note for the September meeting: The commission will at long last welcome members of the West Hartford Immigrant Teens Club, invited by facilitator Pramod Pradhan. Commissioners will engage in a discussion of their interests and how the commission can assist them and their families in addressing human rights concerns.
- New Business / Open Discussion
- Announce date of next meeting of the commission and secretary vacancy.
- Vote to adjourn!