

September 2023 Meeting Minutes
West Hartford Human Rights Commission
Wednesday, September 6th, 2023
Elmwood Community Center
Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

- Attendance, all commissioners are present except Commissioners Eric Schoenberg and Winnie Tantraporn.
- Minutes were approved after a clarification from Commissioner Ted on the membership of the youth committee. Commission welcomed Leif Ennis as the newest member of the youth committee. Leif is a high school student.
- Dawn Ennis updated the commission on her conversation with Mayor Cantor regarding her request to reconsider the appointment of commissioner Mancini.
- Co-Chair Dawn Ennis announced her resignation due to some personal obligations and a new job. The commission wished her the best and thanked her for all her work and service to the commission and the town of West Hartford.
- Report on the CHRO Summer Symposium on Charting the Future of CT Educational Reform: Navigating the Post Affirmative Action Landscape. The commissioners support the efforts of this forum and looking forward to more updates next meeting.
- Report by commissioners Aurora Melita and Ted Mancini who formed a subcommittee to invite and solicit experts on special topics.
 - The commissioners agreed on the assigned schedule of events. The subcommittee will continue managing the social media pages with the help of any member who wish to post anything to share with the subcommittee and they will handle the posting process.
- Report by commissioners Ted Mancini and Mark Linabury on their subcommittee's work to create an event with an agenda to make more groups visible, such as at a Human Rights Town Hall.
 - More updates next meeting.
- 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.
 - The commission agreed to organize some food drive and more cooperation with the food distribution facilities.
- Report by Youth Volunteer Subcommittee leader Angela Mancini on her effort to recruit volunteer representatives from all public and private high schools in West Hartford, inclusive of any home school students.
 - More outreaches have been done to high school students. Chair, Esam Boraey, offered to visit schools and talk to students. Commissioner Winnie should follow up with these efforts.
- Review of upcoming events including Park Road Parade
 - Subcommittee was formed from Esam Boraey, Aurora Melita to lead efforts for the Human Rights declaration in December.
 - Approved participation in park Road parade.
- Open Discussion
 - Commissioner Rosen-Jacobs announced her run for BOE.
- Adjournment
 - Anonymous vote to adjourn to next meeting.