

November 2023 Meeting Minutes
West Hartford Human Rights Commission
Wednesday, November 1, 2023
Elmwood Community Center
Meeting called to order at 7:06pm

Attendees: everyone present except for Kristyn, Eric and Aurora

- October minutes approved
- Aurora and Eric have accepted the renewal of role
- One vacancy for position of Commissioner remains
- Discussion of Commission mission/charter statement revision
 - how can this commission revise the current language to become more guided in the initiatives the group will focus on (food, shelter, clothing, healthcare, etc)?
 - Winnie will begin a draft for review
 - Esam will discuss procedure with the town

Committee reports:

- Esam and Aurora - Universal Human Rights Dedication ceremony
 - 1/17/24, 6-7pm at Town Hall
 - recruiting exhibitors
- Aurora - Food drive
 - delivered donations from Gastropark
 - continuing discussion of on-going partnership with Gastropark
 - Nov 12 event at Gastropark
 - discussion on how to bring more awareness to the food pantry and how the commission can support them
 - how to bring together the youth committee initiatives along with other similar groups in West Hartford

Mark and Ted - Outreach Committee

- Mark called superintendent office to discuss the topics of human rights in the school's curriculum. Mark will invite Ann McKernan to December meeting.

Winnie - Youth Committee Charter

- First meeting held Nov 1 with two members present to discuss initiatives and next steps

Human Rights Declaration Celebration. Jan 17 event planning took place.

New Business:

- Eric sent email to Conard teacher Ms. Lewis regarding student survey about interest in human rights.

Meeting adjourned 8:12 Ted motion and Mark seconded