

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, May 3, 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 Commissioner: Winnie Tantraporn
- Commission is full: all seats have been filled and no vacancies remain.
- Commissioners to vote to approve minutes of March meeting; April's meeting was canceled to accommodate observance of Passover.
- Salute to Co-Chair Esam Boraey, who was honored along with other notable immigrants at the Capitol last month
<https://www.facebook.com/WeHaHRC>
<https://www.coalitionct.org/immigrant-day>
- Facilitator Pramod Pradhan to welcome immigrant teen clubs
- Secretary Aurora Melita to lead discussion of topic of slavery and soliciting experts to make a presentation to the WHHRC at a future meeting.
- Commissioner Ted Mancini to report on outreach to Republicans and Independents - discussion to be continued from March meeting.

- Bipartisan event suggested and planning to continue to foster open dialogue and understanding.
- Discussion of social media posts: Last month and in March we marked the beginning and ending celebrations of Ramadan, Earth Day, The International Transgender Day of Visibility, and the Lesbian Week of Visibility.
- Secretary Kristyn Rosen-Jacobs to deliver report on West Hartford Pride celebrations provided by Co-Chair Dawn Ennis
- Discussion of WHHRC representation at the Memorial Day Parade on May 29th at 10 a.m. Co-Chair Dawn Ennis will be marching and has the banner.
- Commissioner Aurora Melita to formally propose that we organize a new fundraising event related to the WHHRC Food Drive, which began as an agenda item planned for April's meeting, to discuss working with Gastro Food Park in June to hold a food donation drive next month for West Hartford's food pantry. Facilitator Pramod Pradhan is offering assistance from the Town Library.
- Open Discussion
- Announce Next Meeting Date, Wednesday, June 7, 2023, in-person, at 7 p.m. in Room 24 of the Elmwood Community Center
- Adjournment