

**Town of Hamden
Human Rights & Relations Commission
Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 13th 2021
7:05 pm**

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Minutes

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Cardwell called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
- 2. Attendance**
 - a) In Attendance:** Sean Cardwell, Chairman; Tracey Bowens; Mike Thompson; Rabbi Brockman; Martha Walker and Weruche George.
 - b) Absent:** Ganiyu Mimiko, Wanda Harris, Judith
- 3. Approval of Past Minutes**
 - a)** Tracey Bowens made the motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting, which took place on April 8th, 2021. Rabbi Brockman seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- 4. Correspondence**
(There were no correspondences)
- 5. Panelist**
 - a)** Professor Brian Stiltner of CT Human Rights Partnership
 - b)** Mr. Jay Tulin of Farmington Human Rights Commission
 - c)** Virginia Lorenz, Town of Mansfield
- 6. Old Business**
 - a)** Covid-19: Update on Vaccines- CDC reported vaccinated people can be unmasked
 - b)** Monthly Movie Series: Discuss June showing- Commissioner George would like commissioners to continue sharing movie links. The Silicon Valley Slave Market is the suggested movie selection for the month of June

c) Connecticut Human Rights & Relations Commission Forum (via Zoom): Update & Discussion

Name of Forum:

The Town of Hamden and the CHRP presents:

**“The State of Connecticut Human Rights
& Relations Commission Forum”**

Date and time: 6:00PM-7:30PM, Thursday, June 24.

Review of the Networking Forum:

- Agenda
- Welcoming
- Introductions- 9-10 commissions will have several minutes to introduce their community and commission.

Once a participant list is confirmed, the commission will designate panelists/facilitators for break out rooms. There will be three break-out rooms and a mixture of members from different commissions, all three topics will be discussed at each break out room

- Mayor is invited to the forum, but Chairman Cardwell will issue the welcome on behalf of the Hamden Human Rights & Relations Commission
- Introduce the break out rooms and facilitators/CHRP: (15-20 mins)
 1. developing goals based on your mission
 2. Ordinance; What is your (role/authority, function, mission in the community)
 3. Promoting Community Engagement and Awareness
 4. Overall Discussion

End:

5. Regroup: sharing major take aways/ ideas
 6. What is next
 7. Complete survey link in the chat
 8. Thank you
- Commission invites will go 5/13/2021 and confirmed head count by May 24, 2021, status updates on the forum will be emailed email to commissioners.

Town Invites

1. West Hartford
2. Mansfield
3. Wethersfield
4. South Windsor

5. Farmington
6. Guilford
7. Windsor
8. Glastonbury
9. Middletown
10. Coventry
11. Newington

- June 10th meeting will discuss head count and planning
- Ordinances from various commissions will be requested in advance to prepare for the forum.

7. New Business

a) Charter Discussion- the Commission Charter Revision members are currently in the process of reviewing the Hamden Human Rights & Relations Commission and reviewing its authority regarding investigations, subpoena, and role. Commissioner, Bowens has gathered examples of other Human Rights & Relations Commissions from New York and Pennsylvania as a model for the Hamden Human Rights & Relations Commission.

b) Panelist selection June 2021:

1. Brian Stiltner, CT Human Rights Partnership
2. Mr. Jay Tulin, Farmington Human Rights & Relations Commission
3. Virginia Lorenz, Mansfield Human Rights & Relations Commission

c) Community Assistance- September is National Disability voter registration week and the commission request the participation of its members.

8. Thoughts and Ideas

9. Executive Session

(There was no Executive Session)

10. Adjournment

Commissioner, Tracey Bowens made a motion to adjourn the May 13, 2021. Commissioner, Martha Walker seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The Hamden Human Rights & Relations Commission ended at 8:10PM