

HAMDEN HUMAN RIGHTS AND RELATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting, 7:00pm

Government Center – Recreation Conference Room

PRESENT: Chris Vega, David Asbery, Tracy Bowens, Michelle Forte

ABSENT: Martha Walker, Sue Fitzgerald

There was not a quorum to call this meeting to order, as this meeting conducted was informal.

Meeting began at 7:10pm

Chairman Vega introduced newest commissioner Michelle Forte, who was sworn in earlier this week. Commission has taken the opportunity to welcome Michelle.

Chairman had asked all members that their personal thoughts were on the teenager/firearm incident at HMS; addressed personal opinion on what should (or can) be done to mitigate this incident from occurring again in any school in Hamden.

Chairman called on idea of the film festival that was brought on sometime ago by Commissioner Asbery. Mentioned that idea was proposed to Mayor Jackson and he is on board with this idea. Commissioner Asbery took the floor to discuss his vision on his idea and how we can make it happen. Stated that films shown would have themes to the beliefs of our commission.

All commissioners had decided that the potential place of venue would be at Thornton Wilder Hall, but Chairman had stated that no food or drinks are permitted in auditorium. Mentioned that HMS has a auditorium to where food and drink is permitted and can use the location as an alternate. Will discuss later when plans are in place for the festival.

Commissioners collectively brought up idea to consult film schools, departments at area colleges/universities.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm

Sallie Lowry, Clerk

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