

Town of Hamden
Human Rights and Relations Commission

Minutes of the Meeting
October 8, 2015

Unapproved/Draft

Attendance: Commissioners present: Ganiyu Mimiko, Michelle Forte, David Lee Asbery, Tracy Bowens, Christopher Vega; and **Clerk:** Patrice LeMoine.

Call to Order: Chairman Vega called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and then held the roll call.

Approval of Minutes: No minutes were presented.

Correspondence: One piece of communication was shared with the Commissioners, which was from Ms. Lowry notifying the Commission of her resignation as recording clerk.

Updates for Upcoming Events: Human Rights Relations--Ms. Forte gave a summary about the film kits for upcoming presentations. Three films were ordered: "American Civil Rights Movement," "Bullied: A Student, A School, A Case That Made History," and "Viva LaCausa."

The Commissioners discussed the planning for the human rights presentation to the public. Ms. Forte presented the three locations for consideration. This depends on the anticipated number of attendees, if refreshments will be available, and the date to hold the event.

Those locations are: Friends of the Library at Miller Library, which hold a limited number of people, no food is permitted. Thornton Wilder Hall is large enough to accommodate the expected number of guests and refreshments can be provided in the lobby/hallway. The Senior Center Social Hall will allow refreshments and should provide adequate space for the number of guests we anticipate.

The Commission would like to be able to hold as many guests as possible and avoid turning anyone away due to limited space. After further discussion was held, it was determined to hold the event either Saturday, December 5 or 12 in the Senior Center's Community Room. It was noted that December 10th is Human Rights Day.

Mr. Vega will look into finding audio visual equipment and will be meet with the Mayor to confirm a spending budget for refreshments. (Parks and Recreation has some equipment and maybe the Arts Council has equipment available.) The Commission will look to find a local church hall that would be open to let the Commission rent their space for future events.

It was recommended for all members to review the films online and then each can note his or her preference to present this December. The suggestion was made to prepare for the Q and A session for the event.

Executive Session: Nothing to present.

New Business:

Reminder: The Community Dinner is Tuesday, October 20th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., at 1253 Whitney Avenue. This is “part 2” from the dinner held last spring.

The last dinner was focused on “Teaching Tolerance.”

Old Business:

Mr. Vega thanked Mr. Asbery for the reference to order business cards. Mr. Asbery will look to put the upcoming event on social media.

Mr. Vega added that if there is a need to hold another meeting prior to November 12, the Commissioners will receive a message via email.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the first floor meeting room at the Park and Recreation’s office.

Adjournment: At 8:04 p.m. Mr. Bowens motioned to adjourn, all were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by,

Patrice A. LeMoine

Clerk for the Commission